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549 Answer Roll on Opening Day--

Enrollment Exceeds Last Year's

Along with food prices, MHS enrollment is increasing. In comparison to last year's enrollment of 546 on the first day, the 1973-74 school year began with 549 answering the call--a gain of three students.

Freshmen, with 145 students on roll, head the list as the largest class in school. Filling the Alice Boyd Building are 125 eighth graders as the second largest group. Sophomores rank third in size as a class with 105 members.

Juniors total 89, with seniors having the lowest enrollment, 64. Twenty-one boys are registered in special education classes.

With opening remarks in assembly Aug. 27, Principal W. C. Corbett began his seventh year as head of MHS on an optimistic note.

Barring a few "minor problems," Mr. Corbett expressed pride, increased spirit, and hopes for a smoothly running year.

Lunch Prices Jump

Lunch prices at MHS, as everything else on today's markets, have risen.

Tickets for one week cost \$2.75 (55¢ a day), as compared to \$2 last year. One carton of milk is included with each lunch.

Students desiring extra milk pay 10¢ a carton as do those students who bring sack lunches.

Principal W. C. Corbett explains that rising food and labor costs and discontinuance of surplus commodities from the Federal Government have forced the increase.

Meetings Give Holidays

This year MHSers may expect three half-day holidays when teachers attend Shelby County Education Association meetings in Columbiana.

School will be dismissed after third period on
November 1
February 7
March 7

As Business Calls--

Mrs. Cairns Quits Classroom

Mrs. Sara Cairns, MHS democracy/economics teacher resigned her teaching duties a week before the opening of school on Aug. 27, for "business reasons." Mrs. Cairns comments that her resignation is only temporary because "teaching is my first love."

A graduate of Birmingham Southern, Mrs. Cairns received her master's degree from U of M. Before spending 17 years at MHS, she taught two years at Thompson High.

Replacing Mrs. Cairns is Mr. Gary Fleming, a Samford University graduate. Mr. Fleming, who played football with the Baltimore Colts, will assist with coaching as well as teach democracy/economics, American history, and junior English.

New Teachers Express Pleasure In Working at MHS

Five new teachers are "pleased" with MHS as they end their second week of school. Additions to the faculty this year include Mr. Gary Fleming, Mr. Richard Gilliam, Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins, Mr. James Hermecz, and Mr. David Nichols.

Mr. Fleming, assistant football and head basketball coach, teaches American history, democracy/economics, and one class of junior English.

"I like Montevallo High because it is small, and you are able to know most of the students personally," Mr. Fleming comments.

Close Association

Mr. Gilliam, who comes to MHS from the Middle School, is head football

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School Outlines Policies

Additions to MHS policy have been made to keep things running smoothly according to principal W. C. Corbett. These changes, which include lunch prices, drugs, tardies, and a maternity clause, are described fully in the new Student-Faculty-Parent Handbook. The book was given to each student on the first day of school.

This year a student faces a three-day suspension for a fourth tardy during one month. Drug policy violations result in suspension and possible expulsion. The newly adopted maternity clause cites rules concerning student pregnancy.

Mr. Corbett comments on the changes, "A policy was made by the Board of Education concerning drugs to discourage student involvement with drugs.

"Lunch increases were absolutely necessary. Other new policies were necessary not for all students, but for those who needed the restrictions.

New Teachers--(Cont'd) coach and boys' physical education teacher. "I like MHS because I have a close association with the boys I teach and coach," Mr. Gilliam says.

Mrs. Hankins teaches home economics and family living. She says, "As soon as I get settled, I know I will enjoy teaching immensely."

No Complaints

"I haven't had a chance to meet everybody yet, but I have no complaints about those people I have met," says Mr. Hermecz who is teaching chemistry, math, and science.

"I think I'm going to enjoy being on the faculty of my alma mater," adds Mr. Nichols, special education teacher.

Test Results Are Ready for Juniors

Juniors will soon know just how they measure up.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony urges those who took the California Achievement Tests last May to come by her office to discuss scores.

Mrs. Anthony explains, "The test scores indicate strengths and weaknesses and can be used for future planning."

A new battery of tests will be given in the next few weeks according to Mrs. Anthony.

It's News Downtown--

Picnic Marks Park Opening

LABOR DAY was celebrated differently this year with festivities for the people of Montevallo. Grand opening of the new municipal park began at 10 a.m.

Citizens dined on barbecue and cokes served by volunteers. MHS Student Council provided the cotton candy and snow cones.

Interesting highlights were the Jaycees' Flea Mar-

U of M Hosts Student Council At State Meet

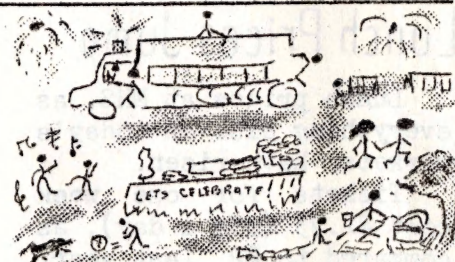
U of M extended a warm welcome to Student Council members Aug. 5-9 at the state Student Council Conference.

MHS representatives included co-presidents Beverly Brazzell and Randi Sears; secretary Dorothy Johnson; and vice president Kim Hollon.

Presiding over the session was Mr. John Mansour from Arkansas, who introduced the theme: "The past cannot be changed; the future is still in your power."

Sessions stressed the value and meaning of leadership. A \$30 fee covered board and meals for each guest. Recreation included a song fest, banquet, and skits.

Kim Hollon says, "We met lots of people with many different ideas for operating a Council."



ket, a display of Civil War relics, and music by MHS band and choirs from two local churches.

Fire Departments from neighboring towns joined Montevallo in demonstrating fire-fighting techniques.

A "country" auction ended the day's activities.

Recreation director Eric Stipes expressed pleasure with the large turnout.

EDITORIALS

Anybody got 15¢
to spare?



Off to a Good Start

The student body is to be commended for the fine spirit displayed at the opening assembly Aug. 27.

School spirit was shown in many ways Monday. Not only did the football players and cheerleaders get applause as they were introduced, but the principal and student council officers received complete attention while they were making their announcements. Everyone stood and honored singing of the alma mater.

This kind of spirit can make the year a most rewarding one at MHS.

Price Is Right

With rising prices showing their mark everywhere, SPOTLIGHT offers its readers a relief. Prices will be frozen at \$1.50 a year (75¢ a semester) or 15¢ for a single copy.

"Even though production costs may increase because of a paper shortage, 23 will not raise our price," says sponsor Linda Sproul.

In Lunch Prices--

Food Costs Felt

"Fifty-five or sixty cents for one lunch is too much." This is a statement made by many students and also parents, not only at MHS but at many other county schools as they are faced with a fifteen-cents increase in lunch prices this year.

Many students seem to be against it all the way. If you are one of these objectors, have you given real thought to the problem?

The chief reasons for a sudden increase are food shortages due to less agricultural land and seeds to work with and the population increase. No specific individual can be blamed. It is just one of the many problems facing the U.S. today.

Up until now, the Federal Government has supplied schools with commodity foods. Surplus commodities are not available this year. Prices of lunches may increase again soon. So, be prepared for any sudden change concerning food prices, and try to make the best of it.

Everyone Affects Spirit

Some students seem to feel that the cheerleaders have the sole responsibility of representing the school. Not so! Without the help of the student body school spirit dies. Get fired up for an exciting season. This year can be a great one for everyone.

(The Cheerleaders)

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Sponsors: Mrs. Linda Sproul, Miss Susie DeMent

Susan Terry Places Second In Beauty Trials

Majorette Camp at Minnie Coggins in Panama City was not all hard work according to senior Susan Terry.



After hard days of work on twirling and marching routines, the girls donned best attire for a beauty contest. Susan placed second out of 25 contestants.

MHS majorettes attending the camp along with Susan (head) were Roxanne Elliott, Tammy Harris, and Beth Pritchett.

New Courses Added

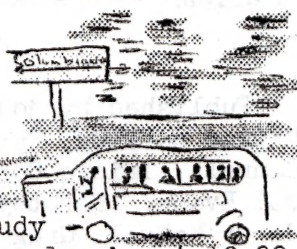
Three new courses came to MHS when doors opened this fall. Art, pre-algebra, and Spanish II were added to the curriculum.

"We are offering two classes in vocational English this year, whereas we had only one last year," says guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Vocational School Number Increases

Vocational school enrollment from MHS shows an approximate increase of twenty students over last year's enrollment. Fifty-five MHSers are attending classes there this year.

Following two hours of English and social studies and a 30-minute study hall, vocational students assemble for lunch at 10:30. After lunch they load a bus driven by Mrs. Sara Morris and head for Columbiana. Their classes in various vocational skills range from child care to welding.



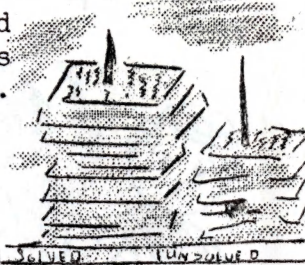
During Opening Days--

School Operates Smoothly

The first week of school presented only a few minor problems to students and staff according to principal W.C. Corbett.

Mrs. Frances Anthony, guidance counselor, says that the major problem so far is the shortage of books.

"Hopefully," she sighs, "the County will provide needed extras soon."



"Also," Mrs. Anthony adds, "many of the books we have are in very poor repair."

Another problem is the lunchcount. This was off 100 on the first day, thus working a hardship on the lunchroom staff.

"A few schedules were in conflict, but I feel that problems thus far have been minor and that we got off to a smooth start," Mr. Corbett says.

Flag Bearers Study at Camp

The flag corps attended a marching band camp at Birmingham Southern College July 23-27 to learn basic spins and maneuvers.

MHSers who participated were Kim Cole, Carol Evans, Melody Putman, Linda Rochester, and Cindy Smitherman.

A \$50 fee assured dormitory rooms and meals as well as classes. Activities included a beauty walk, stunt night, and a dance.

At the end of the week competition was held to decide the top flag corps, rifle corps, and majorette group.

Band Works on Rough Spots

Hot, tired, marching band members filled the football field and band room at MHS Aug. 25. Practice was for the marching season ahead. For the day's clinic, director Jim Weese divided the band into four sections: woodwinds, low brass, trumpets and percussion. Each was assigned a teacher to help improve marching and sound.



Instructors included MHS graduates Tommy Taylor, who worked with trumpets, and Beth Anthony, helping with majorettes. Other helpers were Bill Mount, drums; Mary Jo Pinion, woodwinds; and Oak Grove band director Richard Humber, trombones.

Band member Greg Merijanlian said, "It was hot and plenty hard work, but I think the whole band got a lot out of the day's work."

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Seniors Consider Future Outlook As Final Year Starts

The end of four years at MHS nears for 61 seniors and they start wrapping things up and "getting it all together" for the future.

Patricia Conwell plans to follow her ambitions to "far, far places."

Jean Woodall looks forward to U of M and a major in elementary education. She says, "I've had some good times at MHS, but I look forward to graduation."

Vivian Bolling plans to do into the medical field and admits, "I'm gonna' miss good ole MHS."

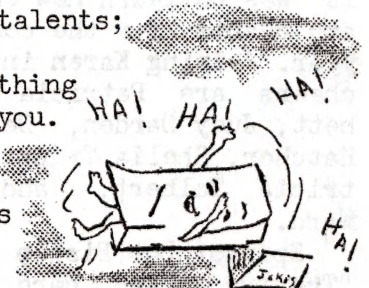
Rod Tolbert is aiming for a real "biggy." He's tackling his senior year by concentrating on making National Honor Society.

Melody Putman projects no long range plans. "I'm simply going to make this year great," she says.



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SPOTLIGHTers have talents;
That is true,
But we would be nothing
If it weren't for you.
For Locker Laughs
We need you folks.
So come on, help us
Find some jokes.



Faculty newcomer Jim Hermecz was telling his chemistry class what they will learn as the year progresses. When he said the class would learn how to find the number of atoms in a mole (molecular weight), Randi Sears confusedly asked, "Will we have to kill it to find out?"

Business teacher Susie DeMent approached new coach Gary Fleming with the question, "Do you have a family?"

Mr. Fleming's reply was, "Well, I have no children and one wife."

Happiness Is School Opening

An alarm clock ringing too early abruptly ends a carefree summer. We crawl from bed and trip to school, our thoughts running along a vein of homework and activities.

We quickly get back into the groove as Mr. Corbett gives his welcoming speech and makes homeroom assignments. Excitedly we search for friends to learn the latest news.

The first day is over. We arrive home exhausted, clearly feeling the new pressures but good vibrations of a new school year.
(John Tishler)

Upon reading a list of themes in Mrs. Frances Anthony's English class, students came across one entitled "The Consequences of Procrastinating."

Senior Stephen Fancher reacted to the topic by quizzing, "Can we wait until tomorrow to do it?"

MHS cheerleaders were taking a break from summer practice when a controversial political topic came up. Head cheerer Karen Guthrie contributed, "I'm so tired of that Water-fence thing I don't know what to do."

Cheerleaders Win Honors In Tennessee

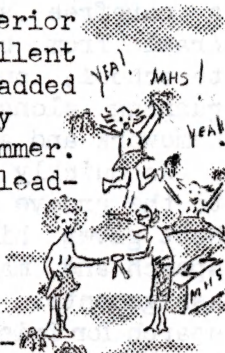
Three superior and one excellent ribbon were added to the trophy case this summer.

The cheerleaders received these honors along with a spirit stick when they attended a clinic Aug 5-10 at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

The group, headed by Karen Guthrie, was among the top six squads out of 150 to compete for the highest award. A squad from Kentucky won it.

The purpose of the clinic was to learn new cheers and chants for the coming year. Joining Karen in the cheers are Patricia Corbett, Judy Darden, Debbie Hatcher, Shelia Tripp, Patricia Tolbert, and Kay Ward.

Sponsor Dot Bishop says, "They've worked hard this summer, and I think they did a great job at clinic."



Wildcats and Warriors Wait

The next two weeks finds the Bulldogs facing two of their toughest rivals, the Shelby County Wildcats and the Thompson Warriors. Both games are on foreign soil for the 'Dogs.

Tonight the Bulldogs go to Columbiana to meet the Wildcats. Coach Richard Gilliam comments, "I believe Shelby County will be out to win because of their 26-0 loss to Childersburg last week. On the film it appears as though the Wildcats had frequent scoring chances which they missed. And they gave Childersburg all but one touchdown. They'll be tough, but we're ready."

Next Friday night Montevallo travels to Thompson who has already put away always powerful Bibb County (26-6).

Junior Cheerers Ready to 'Rah'

Junior cheerleaders, led by Paula Guthrie, spent the summer getting ready for their "football season" which started last night.

This group will be cheering for the junior football team which is coached by Mr. Gary Fleming.

Paula says, "We have worked hard all summer and are looking forward to a busy season."

Serving with Paula are Sonya Bell, Leslie Davis, Pam Guthrie, Joy Guy, Nan Jones, and Gail Hill.

Tonight's Games

Here's the football picture for Shelby County tonight:

MHS at Columbiana
Vincent at Calera
Thompson at Clanton
Chelsea at Isabella

Rousing Send-off--

Townspeople Back Bulldogs

MHS students were not alone last Friday in activating football spirit.

A crowd of 150 local citizens, including parents and students, gathered at the school at 5:30 Friday to give the Bulldogs a rousing send-off as they boarded the bus for Vincent and the opening game.

Cheerleader Tricia Corbett says, "I think it gave the boys a lot of confidence and pride in tackling the Yellowjackets."

Coach Richard Gilliam expressed appreciation and said it was one of "the nicest things he could remember."

Bulldogs to Test Strength

Bulldogs and cheerleaders will be involved in a real battle with other football players and cheerleaders from around the county at the Shelby County Fair Sept. 10.

Five football players and five cheerleaders will be matched against teams from other schools in a tug-of-war at the fair at Columbiana Monday night. Trophies will be awarded winning teams.

The event will be one of many at the fair sponsored by Shelby County Kiwanis Club. Proceeds go into a scholarship fund to benefit Shelby County students. Several MHSers have benefited from these scholarships in past years.

MHS - VINCENT

Game Statistics

	MHS	VHS
1st downs	9	9
Yds rush	183	165
Passes	5-10	1-3
Yds pass	42	16
Yds penalized	20	45
Fumb lost	1	2

Clanton Comes For First Home Game

After playing the first three football games on the road, the Bulldogs finally perform for the home fans Sept. 21. They entertain Clanton from Chilton County.

Here's the remaining schedule:

Sept. 7	Shelby Co.	Th
14	Thompson	Th
21	Clanton	H
28	Jemison	H
Oct. 5	Holtville	Th
12	Dallas Co.	H
19	Calera	H
26	Blocton	Th
Nov. 2	Maplesville	H

Sportsmanship, Golden Rule

(Sports Editorial)

Good sportsmanship should be a guideline for each of us as the new school year opens, and it should not be limited to the playing field.

MHS, now more than ever, should work to uphold its reputation after receiving the coveted Good Sportsmanship trophy at last year's state basketball playoffs.

High School Athletic Association Executive Secretary Herman (Bubba) Scott recently commented, "If you let yourself be guided by the Golden Rule, that is not doing anything to others that you wouldn't want done to you, we wouldn't have to worry about sportsmanship. It would take care of itself."

Try using Mr. Scott's advice as a guideline to good sportsmanship in all facets of life. (Jerry McNeel)

MHS 8--Vincent 8

Bulldogs, Yellowjackets Tie

Opening night of the Bulldog's 1973-74 football season proved nothing. Montevallo scored early and Vincent scored late and both wound up with an 8-8 tie at Vincent last Friday night.

90-yd. Touchdown Drive

After the Bulldog defense held the 'Jackets on downs, MHS took over on its own 10-yd. line. On the first set of downs, with only five minutes left in the first quarter, the 'Dogs scored on a 3-play, 90-yd. drive.

Harry Martin, senior fullback, broke loose for 58 yards on first down. From there Willie Moore, junior halfback, ran 12 yards to Vincent's 20. Then Roy Lucas took it in. Moore ran the two points.

Riggins Runs

From then to the fourth quarter it was a draw. But in that final frame, hard-running James Riggins, Yellowjacket wingback, would no longer be denied.

He covered 48 yards in four plays and wound up in the end zone five minutes before the game ended. Then to cinch the tie, he ran the two points.

Martin Leads

Martin was leading gainer for the Bulldogs. He carried 20 times for 134 yards.

Another bright spot for Montevallo fans was the passing of rookie quarterback Thomas Brown. He completed five of ten passes for 42 yards.

Outstanding on defense were Herman Fochtman, Martin, Moore, and Clifton Stallworth. This foursome helped stop the Vincent aggressors by making many tackles and showing skill and experience throughout the game.

Riggins led Vincent with 132 yards in 25 carries.

To Follow Roll Call on Tuesdays--

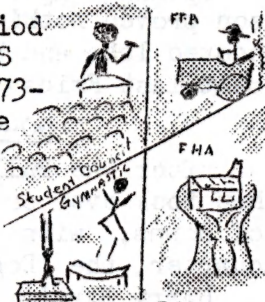
Activity Period Revived

After discontinuing the activity period last year due to a lack of interest, MHS students will become active again in 1973-74 as the activity period returns to the schedule on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00.

Student Council plans for activities to include Business Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, FHA, FTA, GAA, Junior Academy of Science, Junior Science Club, Library Club, M Club, Math Club, and Spanish Club.

Council co-president Randie Sears comments, "I think this year will be better than last year since the activity period is scheduled right after home room period and will call for less moving around.

"It will be better for the teachers and will last only 30 minutes to avoid boring those students not in an activity."



With New Sponsor--

Council Gets Going

This year's MHS Student Council members were chosen differently than in the past years.

Council officers visited each homeroom and aided in conducting elections of representatives and alternates.

Conducting elections was the second official function of the Council under leadership of new sponsor Dan Martin. Officers gave guided tours of the campus to new students last week.

Mr. Martin comments, "I feel this group has potential and will do a lot for the school.

Weese Takes Tour

Band director Jim Weese got away from it all this summer on a European tour.

Along with the Indian Springs brass ensemble, Mr. Weese visited and presented concerts in Italy, France, Switzerland, and Austria. The group also visited Germany.

Mr. Weese expressed a preference for the Austrian people and commented, "Europe was very different."

Tammy Twirls to Victory

Summer brought honors to majorette Tammy Harris. The junior marched away with two first place trophies in basic and military marching from the Minnie Coggins Twirling Contests at Centreville Aug. 18.

Tammy's five years of training helped two of her students win trophies also. Ten-year old Suzie Ginnell won second place in basic marching; and her sister Sandy, nine, won fourth place.

Journalism Class Gets Going Early At Summer Clinic

New SPOTLIGHTers studied newspaper fundamentals and published a newspaper at a workshop this summer.



Co-sponsors

Mrs. Linda Sproul, journalism teacher, and Miss Susie DeMent, business teacher, were instructors at the five-day clinic at MHS.

Two local journalists, Mrs. Marcia Sears and Mr. Jim Natale lectured at the workshop and offered advice to the students.

Both Mrs. Sproul and Miss DeMent expressed the feeling that much was accomplished at the five-day clinic.

Students taking part were those enrolled in the journalism class this year.

Improvements Noted at School

Over the summer, many-faceted changes have come about at MHS. The greatest change according to principal W. C. Corbett is in the spirit. Students and teachers seem to have more than ever he says.

Groups such as football team, band, cheerleaders, and Student Council have been planning toward making 1973 - 74 the "best school year ever."

Physical changes include repairs by county workers on showers and faucets and the painting of the outside woodwork.



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Seniors Name Krist Lien Class Leader

Krist Lien will lead the senior class as its president this year. He was named to the office this week in a close race with Beverly Brazzell and Terence Powell.

Backing Krist for the 1973-74 term are Melody Putman, vice president; Carol Evans, secretary; Vivian Bolling, treasurer.

Nominations for president were made by ballot Sept 13, with voting on Sept. 14. Other officers were nominated Sept. 17, and elections were held the following day.

Besides his duties as leader in class activities through the year, Krist is responsible for the welcoming speech at graduation.

High School Training Earns College Credit for MHS Grads

Three MHS grads, Annette Hamilton, Jim Hollon, and James Nix, took big steps as they entered U of M this year by exempting hours through high scores on CLEP. This test, specializing in math, English, physical science, history, and humanities enables students to exempt subject areas in which they score extremely high.

Annette exempted 30 hours; and Jim, 24. James attended U of M this summer, along with taking the exam, and now lacks only one hour being a sophomore. He comments, "MHS provided me with the quality training that really helped me with the CLEP test." Jim was high in praise of trigonometry, physics and chemistry at MHS.

Among Top Scholars in US--

✓ Jon Goad Reaches NMS Finals

Senior Jon Goad, the band's drum major, has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist for 1974 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Jon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goad, was one of the highest scorers in the state on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test administered last October and will compete in the spring for one of 3100 Merit Scholarships.

This first honor places Jon in competition with 15,000 students over the United States who will now be required to take a second examination and provide good records of academic achievement.

Finalists will be considered for one of 1000 National Merit \$1000 Scholarships to be applied to college financing. Edward C. Smith, president of the corporation, comments, "Semifinalists are representative of the nation's most academically talented young people."

ACT Oct. 20

ACT is scheduled for Oct. 20, Comer Hall, U of M, at 8:00 a.m. Last registration date for MHSers is Oct. 1.

To Student Council--

Classes Elect Representatives

Student Council began duties of the 1973-74 year by assisting the homerooms with representative elections Sept. 7.

SC officers gave talks in the homerooms concerning the rewards of active participation in the Council and contribution to school welfare and improvement.

Homerooms chose a representative as well as an alternate. Additional students volunteered services to the Council when needed.

Representatives and alternates are:

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Woman's Lib?--

Meet from 8:30-9:00--

Yearbook Has Female Staff

Work has begun on the 1973-74 MONTALA.

The completely feminine staff consists of Beverly Brazzell, Cheryl Cupp, Karen Guthrie, Becky Hood, Lori Merijanian, Debbie Payne, Donna Pickett, Randie Sears, and Bonnie Williams.

Ads totalling \$650 have been sold to merchants in Alabaster, Calera, Hoover, Pelham, and Montevallo.

Debbie Payne comments, "We have no idea how much production costs will be this year, but we're trying to raise at least \$3000 since that was the price of last year's book."

MONTALAs for 1972-73 were issued last Friday.

Musicians Battle

The Troubadours have challenged Thompson bandmen to a football game on Oct. 3. Battleground will be chosen later.

It's News Downtown--

Almont Becomes Day Care Center

Doors of the Almont School have reopened to reveal a newly remodeled nursery. The Day Care School has an attendance of approximately 60 children with 50 staff members.

Ben Franklin Store on Main Street reopened last week after inventory under new management.

Mr. Danny Monk succeeds Mr. Denson Elliott who owned the store for 16 years before retiring.

Club Schedule Begins Tuesday

Activity period gets into full swing next Tuesday. A schedule of meeting dates was set up by the Activity Committee headed by business teacher Susie DeMent, and a 30-minute homeroom period Sept. 18 allowed students to sign up for membership.

New clubs include Know Alabama for Alabama history students, sponsored by Mr. Johnnie McClain and Mr. Lawrence McGraw; and Health Careers, an organization for those interested in fields of hygiene and medicine, with Mr. James Hermecz as sponsor.

Other activities offered are Junior Academy of Science, FFA, FHA, FTA Future Secretaries, Biology Club, National Honor Society, Library Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, Senior Math Club.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all boys going out for sports.

Eighth grade teachers are working out an activity schedule for their groups.

Activities meet on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Fifth Tuesdays are not scheduled.



This year's enrollment at U of M is estimated at approximately 2,200 according to Mr. James Peevy of the Admissions Office.

Dr. Kermit Johnson, U of M president, has been named to Who's Who in America.

The Falcon Theatre keeps the film rolling this week with the popular attraction, "Live and Let Die," starring Roger Moore as James Bond.

Sock Hop Tonight, More Activity Planned

Student Council initiates the year's activities with a sock hop tonight.

Birmingham DJ's Johnny Austin and Ron Todd will entertain. Admission is \$1 per person.

Along with newly elected representatives SC officers plan more activities for 1973-74. Some of these include a year round spirit stick, teacher and student appreciation days, and a coronation ball for the homecoming queen.

Representatives--(Cont.)

8th grade: Ronnie Hall, Kim Jones; Cathy Belisle, Wanda Galloway; Albert Jones, Sandra Smith.

9th grade: Hal Ray, Alan Jones; Billy Belisle, Ronnie Ferguson; Jan Corbett, Regina Harbour; Linda Sims; Pam Pendleton.

10th grade: Nancy Nix, Patricia Tolbert; Gilbert Barkley, Bryant Cottingham; Gloria Mayweather.

11th grade: Lorenza Mitchell, Rod Tolbert, Susan Lynn Nix, Sharon Spruel.

12th grade: Vivian Bolling, Carol Evans; Krist Lien, John Miller.

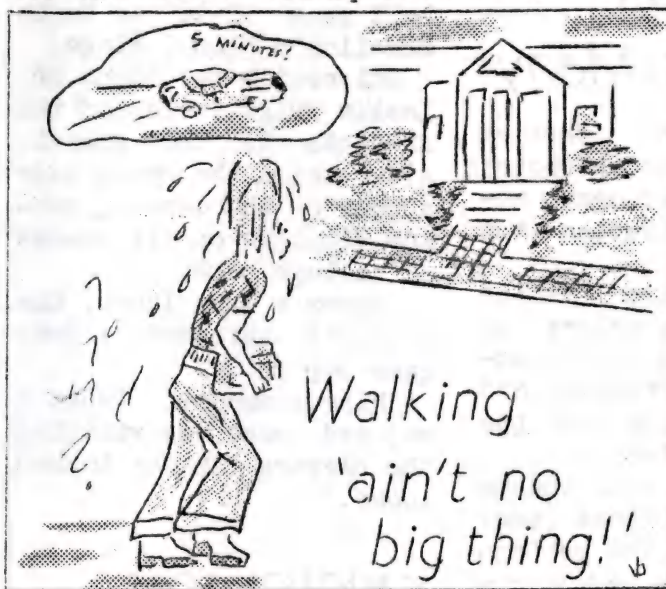
EDITORIALS

Slow Down-- or Walk

The horse and buggy era may soon rise again due to skyrocketing prices of gasoline. Students are aware of food shortages, but many do not realize the urgency of the fuel shortage.

We can help conserve gas by walking the few blocks to school and seeking local recreation. Decrease speed by ten miles per hour to save on gas.

One shortage leads to another. Heed these pointers or we may have two needs for the horse: transportation and food.



Yours for the Taking

MHS has developed great minds as well as great spirit. Students taking advantage of the school's scholastic offerings find it really pays off.

Those going on to college go with good backgrounds, as exemplified by the three 1973 grads who exempted many hours this fall through top scoring on tests measuring knowledge prior to college entrance.

Senior Jon Goad's high school background earned him the title of National Merit semifinalist.

Everyone has a mind with potential, and Montevallo High offers a way to develop that potential to its fullest.

Spirit Is Showing

So strong are the spirit vibrations from the walls of MHS that outsiders are beginning to notice.

Attendance at the football games has been as numerous as or more than that of the other team. A caravan of more than 25 carloads of MHS supporters traveled to Columbiana displaying spirit signs and posters. A large number of boosters followed the team to Thompson, and more motorcades are planned for the future.

One student from another school commented, "I wish we had a little of your spirit." A visiting U of M professor added, "I have noticed a great change in the attitude and spirit at MHS."

This is one epidemic that we would like to see keep spreading.

Love thy Neighbor

Now that the school has the spirit, let's work on love. How many of us really care what happens to the person sitting next to us? Do we think only of ourselves as we get wrapped up in the daily routine of school? What about the school itself? It needs love; and someone, or better still everyone, needs to care.

As the year goes by, we must help each other in every way possible. School is the best place to make new friends and have fun. If we could show more love for each other, as well as for the school, and add it to the spirit already here, we could always be No. 1.

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Club Sponsors Study of State

Ninth graders have the opportunity to participate in a club and learn more about their home state at the same time. Know Alabama, sponsored by Alabama history teachers Johnnie McClain and Lawrence McGraw will meet during activity period on second Tuesdays.

Mr. McGraw states that the purpose of the club is to develop an appreciation of our Alabama heritage through visiting historical sites and celebrating annual events pertinent to the state's growth and development, and to promote understanding of the people, customs, resources, and traditions.

Mr. McClain adds, "This activity will give students an opportunity to do extensive research on historical people and places in Alabama."



Samford Hosts High Schoolers

Five MHSers took advantage of Samford University's annual High School Day Sept. 15.

Gilbert Barkley, Kevin Hughes, Kay Ward, Mike and Jimmy Winslett were among high school students from over the state who were guests as Samford Bulldogs lost their opening football game 33-10 to North Carolina's Elon College.

University president Dr. Leslie Wright welcomed the students to the school, after which the group made a tour of the campus, noting displays on all phases of college work.

After a free lunch, the students attended a pre-game pep rally.

Mike comments, "What I enjoyed most was visiting the players in the locker rooms."

SCIENTISTS TOUR

Eighth graders in Mrs. Joan Jones' science classes may soon have rocks in their heads. They tour U of M Geology Department next week.

Saturday Workers Clean up Stadium

School spirit it is more than making posters and yelling at the ballgames.

For several MHSers it includes giving up a Saturday to clean up around the football stadium.

A team, led by John Miller, spent last Saturday working at the football field getting it in readiness for tonight's game.

Members of the working crew were Joe Brock, John Dubose, David Duff, Russell Hicks, Jeff Lucas, Johnny Moss, Hal Ray, and Johnny Rutledge.

Mr. Larry Popwell, along with Mrs. Sara Morris, spent the day also painting the reserved seats and goal posts orange and blue.



Art Class Attracts Many

Art, a new elective this year, has attracted many talented students according to instructor Ann Parker.

Students are learning how to combine colors by doing sketchings of themselves, their friends, and their conception of the Loch Ness Monster.

Class work will include handcrafts, paintings (tempera and oil), and pottery. The class meets in the science lab.

As students paint what they feel, Mrs. Parker observes with advice and compliments.

Troubadours Wear the Colors

Band members will be rewarded for early payment of bills. Those who paid band fees during the first two weeks of school will wear their "receipts" in the form of T-shirts. The shirts, due to arrive in two weeks, will have an orange background with blue lettering, proclaiming "Montevallo Marching Troubadours."

Students who were not early enough with fee payment will be able to obtain the shirts for \$1.85 each.

Band director Jim Weese says, "The purpose of these T-shirts is to promote pride among band members and to represent MHS when out of uniform."



After-School Jobs Call MHSers

"Happiness is having an after-school job," state many MHSers who have employers ranging from grocery store managers to newspaper owners.

Slaving away at Montevallo Food Center are Stephen Fancher, Kim Hollon, Jesse Payne, Steve Dailey, and Bobby Moss.

Senior Beverly Brazzell works at Sherman Holland Ford. She is joined by a force of other women workers including Debbie Payne at Smitherman Pharmacy; Karen Guthrie, MONTEVALLO MONITOR; Anne Johnson and Christine Vassar, Triple J Restaurant; and Anita Clark, Julio's TV.

Restaurant business also finds Debbie Green at Triple A and sister Donna at Dari Delite. U of M employs Annie Jones, Malcolm Fields, and Danny Clark, Southern Cement beckons Bill Clark, and Krist Lien works at construction sites.

Most agree with junior Kim Hollon who comments, "I'm working for spending money and college."



Join in the fun at the SC sponsored Sock Hop tonight, 9:30-11:30 in the gym. Admission, \$1.

Bulldogs Face No Energy Crisis

By Gilbert Barkley

Despite the good and energy crises, Bulldogs are still eating food that produces plenty energy.

Mrs. Sue Winslett heads athletic boosters who serve as hostesses who see that the Bulldogs are provided with proper "fuel" before each week's game.

At their Friday afternoon meal the 'Dogs are usually led in eating by senior Wade Dennis, consuming his hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, buttered toast, jello, and iced tea in record time.

Let the Woman Have Her Chance

Yesterday's tennis bout between Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King brought varied opinions at MHS.

Principal W. C. Corbett states, "Riggs is a big showboat and I hope Billie Jean wins."

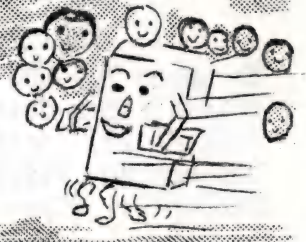
Biology teacher Joanna McGaughy comments, "I feel Riggs will win, but women deserve an equal chance."

Agreeing, Ronnie Tyus says, "Women can't do the jobs men can, but they deserve a chance to try."

Senior Lori Merijanian exclaims, "Women have the physical and mental ability to outdo men," while her brother Greg, MHS's "male chauvinist," thinks, "Women will just never learn men are better."



Our halls are full Of smiling faces-- Students hurrying To their places, Busy as bees Looking for honey But never too busy To crack a funny.



After telling her that she had given her name as a reference at Triple J, Christine Vassar asked Miss Susie DeMent what she would tell the employer if he contacted her.

Without hesitation Miss DeMent said, "What you see is what you get."

Chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz walked into class with an extra, extra large demonstrator slide rule.

Noting Mr. Hermecz's height, Randie Sears exclaimed, "Why, Mr. Hermecz, that's just a pocket-size for you."

Tenth graders were writing imaginative excuses for losing their English themes. Jay Fullerton wrote, "I made a paper airplane out of my theme, and it got hijacked."

Seniors in college English class were working on dividing topics for study into subtopics.

As Mrs. Anthony placed the topic "parents" on the board, she quizzed, "Now, how would you divide this one?"

Randie Sears pondered a moment then answered, "By divorce, I guess."

Around the County--

Thompson, Chelsea Lead

Thompson and Chelsea may be on the road to state playoffs again this year. Already they have three victories apiece.

Along the warpath this year the Warriors have scalped Bibb County, Chilton County, and MHS.

Victims of the Hornet's stinger are Hayden, Isabella, and Anniston Academy.

County scores for the past two weeks are:

Sept. 7

Shelby Co. 7, MHS 6
Calera 14, Vincent 12
Thompson 24, Chilton Co. 12
Chelsea 8, Isabella 0

Sept. 14

Thompson 36, MHS 6
Calera (Open date)
Chelsea 28, Anniston 0
Vincent 20, Warrior 14
Shelby Co. (Open date)

On schedule for county teams tonight are:

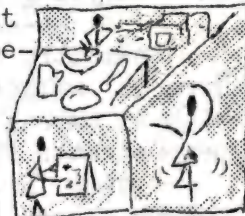
Clanton at Montevallo
Shelby at Thompson
Calera at Jemison
Winterboro at Vincent
Chelsea at Ragland

Park Sponsors Fun for All

Plans for excitement and recreation at Montevallo's newly dedicated park have begun. "We plan to open the activities on Sept. 18," says director Eric Stipe.

Classes to be offered that may be of interest to MHSers include modern dance, Yoga, cooking, guitar instruction, co-ed volleyball, slimnastics, arts and crafts, bicycle club, tumbling and sewing.

Interested persons may enroll at City Hall.



Thompson Wins 36-6--

Tannehill Powers 'Big Red'

Junior fullback James Tannehill led the Warriors to a 36-6 victory over Montevallo at Thompson Sept. 14. The powerful fullback gained 194 yards in 18 carries and scored four times in pacing the Warriors in their third win of the season.

Mistakes added to the Bulldogs' dilemma as three fumbles and one pass interception set up four touchdowns for the Warriors.

Girls Warm up For Volleyball Action

MHS will soon net 12 feminine volleyballers.

Tryouts were held this week for the team which faces its first competition Oct. 24 at Fair Park in Birmingham.

Tentative plans include games at Jemison and Columbiana according to phys ed instructor Dot Bishop. Miss Bishop says, "A lot of hard work is needed before district competition if we intend to win."

Thompson Wins

Thompson's Eddy Harris was unstoppable against the Bullpups Sept. 17. He ran three TD's, while teammate Jim Durrett scored twice, defeating the 'Pups 36-0.

Jimmy Winslett and Tim Ross led MHS's defense.

Moore Scores

Montevallo got its only score on a 45-yd. drive in the second period, with Willie Moore getting most of the yardage. Moore went over from 25 yards out.

Tannehill Romps

Thompson's scoring: Tannehill, 14 yards, following 60-yd. drive.

Donnie Henry, 10 yards, following fumble on Bulldog 10.

Tannehill, 17 yards, after fumble on MHS 18.

Tannehill, 24 yards, after fumble on Bulldog 45.

Tannehill, 33 yards, following a pass interception that gained 23 yards.

Leading rusher for MHS was Moore with 63 yards in eight carries.

Powderpuff Set Wins at Football

Powderpuffers from MHS proved tough as Bulldogs when they traveled to Columbiana Sept. 8 to defeat Shelby County High girls 18-12 in football.

Squad members coached by phys ed teacher Dot Bishop are Tricia Corbett, Judy Darden, Lynn Davis, Joy Guy, Jan and Jill Reynolds.

Jan, Jill, and Tricia did the scoring for MHS.

SCHS 7: Bulldogs 6--

Pep Rally Call Is 'Make Mine Chocolate'

Pep rally fun came as easy as pie Sept. 7.

Cheerleaders conducted a yelling contest between two teams at a pep rally with the losing team "winning" a pie in the face. Both teams lost and were "rewarded" accordingly.

Senior John Miller, one team member, had a surprise skit of his own. Cheerleaders were asked to sit in "barber" chairs with eyes closed. Then they got their pie-in-the-face.

Cheerleader Judy Darden says, "it was a real surprise. We didn't know a thing about John's skit."

Punt, Pass, Kick--

Future Stars Compete

Ford dealers are registering boys ages 8-13 for Punt, Pass, Kick competition Sept. 29.

Practice starts tomorrow at 10 a.m., with competition six days later on MHS football field. Eighteen trophies and eight footballs go to winners.

Bulldogs Play 2 at Home

MHS's next two football battles will be fought on home ground. Chilton County comes tonight and Jemison will be in town next Friday.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam, "Chilton County is one of the toughest teams we'll play this season." Last year's 9-1 record for the Tigers included a 28-6 victory over Montevallo.

When the Jemison Panthers come on Sept. 28, "We'll be out to get them this year," says senior Wade Dennis who remembers last year's encounter when the Panthers wounded the Bulldogs' pride with a 20-0 defeat.

Shelby Wins by a Toe

Steve Benson's toe made the difference for the Wildcats as they edged the Bulldogs 7-6 at Columbiana Sept. 7. Montevallo had scored first in the opening quarter but missed the extra point try when the Wildcats fought the clock to get off their TD and the PAT kick only seconds before halftime.

The Bulldogs scored when the Wildcats got off a short punt on Montevallo's 48. The punt traveled eight yards into the arms of senior Herman Fochtman who gathered it in and ran 60 yards for the TD, his first ever. Thomas Brown's pass to Bryant Cottingham fell incomplete on the PAT attempt.

Vick Passes

With less than two minutes left before halftime, the 'Cats got possession on their own 44. From there Vick threw nine times.

Six passes went incomplete and one pass drew an interference penalty to move Shelby 15 yards nearer the goal.

Benson Boots Winner

The pay-off pitch was an 18-yarder from quarterback Rhett Vick to Benson. Benson then kicked the winning PAT.

Martin Leads

Top ground gainer for the Bulldogs was Harry Martin with 113 yards in 22 carries.

Coach Richard Gilliam cited Fochtman, Tommy Shaw, and Recardi Nelson for defensive work.

Cheerleaders Pull Out a Victory

Five MHS cheerleaders pulled their way to victory by defeating Vincent and Thompson in a tug-of-war Sept. 10 at the County Fair at Columbiana.

Bringing home a first-place trophy were Tricia Corbett, Judy Darden, Karen Guthrie, Debbie Hatcher, and Patricia Tolbert.

"Just to look at them you wouldn't believe they were that strong," smiles sponsor Dot Bishop.

Win 18-8 --

Bullpups Top Jemison

The Bullpups rolled over Jemison's Juniors here on Sept. 6, 18-8.

Ricky Lucas blocked a punt and 10th grader Tom Conner recovered the ball and raced into the end zone with the first touchdown early in the game.

Willie Rutledge, an 8th grader scored twice for the MHS juniors. One run was for 85 yards and another covered 60 yards.

"I was extremely proud of the defense," Coach Gilliam remarks.

Parents, Teachers Meet Oct. 1

Get acquainted time for teachers and parents begins Monday, Oct. 1, with the first PTA meeting of 1973-74. Montevallo Elementary School hosts the gathering at 7:30.

"Our theme this year centers around new county and city developments and their effects on schools," says vice president and program chairman Ann Parker.

Speakers for the year include recreation director Eric Stipe, county superintendent of education Elvin Hill, and juvenile officer Mike Kirk.

Such groups as County Planning Commission, Montevallo Town Council, and School Board of Trustees will conduct seminars.

This year's officers are president, Rev. George Steincross; vice president, Mrs. Ann Parker; membership chairman, Mrs. Mildred Harris; secretary, Mrs. Willie Bolling; and treasurer, Dr. John Lott.

MHSers Help Out--

Volunteers Collect Funds for Telethon

MHS volunteers helped celebrate Cerebral Palsy Telethon's twentieth year of spastic aid by collecting and donating \$250.00, Sept. 8.

Helpers from Montevallo set up road blocks in order to collect money.

MHSers Randy Glass, Andy Fickett, and Marsha Looman, along with Middle Schoolers David Brantley, Loyd Harvey, and Gerome Looman, spent Saturday collecting funds to add to the \$252,000 goal set by the Telethon.

Sophomore Cindy Lucas who collected nearly \$100 says, "I enjoyed it and plan to work again next year."

Entertain Mayor---

History Class Visits City Council

Mr. David Nichols's vocational history class got a firsthand look at city government last week when they attended a city council meeting.

The students were invited to the meeting by Mayor Ralph Sears who spoke to the class earlier.

Mr. Sears explained city government organization and the mayor-council type system.

Michael Fields says, "It was a very interesting and valuable lesson."

For Montevallo High--

Newcomers Have Good Words

One month of school has passed and several new MHSers have developed impressions during their days here so far.

Senior Jim Oppert, a transfer from Birmingham, says, "The people are friendlier here than those at the last school I attended;" and sophomore Stanley Johnson agrees, "The students here make me feel at home." Mike Foley, a sophomore, comments, "I believe I will enjoy going to MHS because even though it does not have the enrollment of larger schools, it offers many of the same opportunities."

Freshman Charlotte Foley adds, "This school is different from most schools I have attended," but declines further comment.

Mr. Morris Says--

Pre-Algebra Is Popular Class

New this year at MHS is pre-algebra, a substitute course for general math.

Instructor Doug Morris explains, "Pre-algebra is almost the same as algebra; the students just go slower and take more time with each topic."

Classes are taught by Mr. Morris and Mr. Jim Hermecz.

Mr. Morris adds, "I think most of the students prefer pre-algebra to general math. The classes seem to be working fine."

Juniors Get Rings

Juniors will get their Halloween treats one day early. Mr. Bert Jones of Josten's Company will be at MHS Oct. 30 to take orders for class rings.

Many styles and prices will be available.

Class sponsors in charge of the sale are Mr. Gary Fleming, Mr. Dan Martin, and Mrs. Linda Sproul.





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Senior Girls Second Best--

8th Graders, Top Attenders

Highest homeroom attendance statistics for the first month were achieved by 8th graders in Mrs. Joan Jones' homeroom. This group was 100%.

Drop from Last Year

Overall perfect attendance, however, showed a noted decrease from 425 students during the first school month of 1972-73 to 370 who came to school every day the first four weeks of this year.

Senior girls, second in the attendance race, came in ahead of senior boys with a 99.9% average. Leading the juniors was Mrs. Linda Sproul's girls' homeroom with 98.63%. Mr. Charles Martin's class led the 10th graders with a 98% showing.

"Not Good"

According to Principal W. C. Corbett, "There are 527 students enrolled at MHS, but the average daily attendance is only 507.1, and this is not good."

Mr. Corbett added that unless attendance improves MHS faces the possibility of losing a teacher next year.

Janice Seaman Earns CLEP Credit

Janice Seaman, an MHS '73 graduate, earned 27 college hours from Birmingham Southern College with an outstanding score on the CLEP test. The exam is designed to test scholastic advancement of a student before entering college.

Janice, an honor society member at MHS, was last year's Betty Crocker winner.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seaman, Montevallo.

HOLIDAY COMING UP

All county schools will be closed Oct. 22 in honor of Veterans' Day, formerly celebrated on Nov. 11.

Safety Is 62" Away

Students had their train of thought broken by three blasts of the bell Sept. 21 as MHS had its first fire drill of the year.

Principal W. C. Corbett comments, "We had a very successful fire drill. The building was vacated in only 62 seconds."

Attendance Affects All

(W. C. Corbett, Principal)

Good attendance at school helps the student presently in doing good school work, it helps him in the future when he seeks employment or college admission, and it helps the school obtain more money and personnel.

Good attendance also cuts down confusion in operation of the school.

Regular attendance is essential to good school work. Students should not be absent except for causes such as death in the family, sickness, or an unavoidable emergency.

One of the first things employers and college admissions people consider is attendance records.

The amount of money allotted to schools and the number of teacher personnel are based on average daily attendance. When a student is absent, he is hurting himself, other students, and the school.

NSPA Awards SPOTLIGHT All-American Ranking 23rd Time

"SPOTLIGHT covers the news thoroughly," is the praise earned by 1972-73 SPOTLIGHTers from National Scholastic Press Association as Montevallo High School's newspaper was awarded an All-American rating for second semester of last year. The award marks the 23rd consecutive semester the newspaper has achieved this top rank.

Marks of distinction were given SPOTLIGHT for coverage and content, writing and editing, photography, and
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MHS Joins in as--

Lunchroom Gets Nation's Eye

Oct. 8-12 is designated as National Lunchroom Week. Significance of this week is to point out the importance of the school lunchroom to students and community.

Lunchroom manager Gwen Mitchell states, "In honoring this week, students should practice 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' by returning trays properly and keeping tables neat."

The universal menu for Wed., Oct. 10, will be:

Bar-b-que Beef on Bun
Buttered Whole Kernel Corn
Popeye Salad
Yellow Cake / Cherry Sauce
Milk

Principal W. C. Corbett urges all students to eat in the lunchroom. He comments, "With more student participation, we will be able to have a better lunch program. Volume cuts down on cost per lunch."

Athletics Backers Organize, Elect Jimmy Jones Leader

Mr. Jimmy Jones, principal of Middle School, heads a group of local citizens who formed the Montevallo Athletics Boosters Association to promote athletic endeavors in Montevallo.

At an organizational meeting Tuesday night, the 15 men present outlined purposes of the association and discussed possible projects for the remainder of the year.

Officers who will serve with Mr. Jones are Mr. Herby Milstead, vice president and president-elect; and Mr. George Kornegay, secretary-treasurer.

Days to Remember

Red Letter days on the MHS calendar include:

Oct. 10--Senior Portraits
30--Junior Rings
Nov. 1--Half Holiday
Nov. 2--Homecoming
Nov. 22-23--Thanksgiving

Lawmen Visit English Class

Passersby may have thought MHS was being raided on Sept. 28 as Lt. James Edwards from the Shelby County Sheriffs' Department and Montevallo Police Chief Troy Kirkland appeared together at the school.

The two officers were guests of Mr. David Nichols's vocational English class.

Students were asked to present individual reports, using any aids or supplementary materials desired. Since his report was on drugs, Randy Edwards took the opportunity to invite Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kirkland to speak to the class.

Mr. Nichols said, "The students had many questions to ask and seemed very interested in the subject."

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physical appearance.

NSPA judge J. Thorson comments, "It's easy to see why SPOTLIGHT is a consistent winner. Not only do you touch all the bases in coverage, but you write professional copy."

"You look like an All-American, too, with well-planned layouts and clear, candid pictures."

It's News Downtown--

Car Dealers Unwrap New Models

Sneak previews of 1974 transportation can be seen as shipments of '74 automobiles come in at Leach Pontiac and Sherman Holland Ford.

University Baptist Church hosted an after-the-game get-together following the Montevallo-Jemison football game. Food and activities were provided for high school students.

Lovelady's carpet warehouse is now located on N. Boundary Street behind Montevallo Sportswear. This was the former location of This 'n That, a health aids store.

Montevallo may take a look into the past. Owner Jack Pruitt has opened an antique shop in the former Jeter's Feed and Seed Store on Main Street.





Reading Is Believing

Many people believe in alien space travelers, but for those who don't, Erich Von Daniken offers some startling facts about the existence of interplanetary beings in his book *CHARIOTS OF THE GODS*.

He points out that 18,000 planets have conditions essential to life similar to earth. Mr. Von Daniken offers his belief that early civilizations were aided by the highly technical skills of advanced beings who traveled from outer space to offer guidance.

One example cited was that of early architecture by Egyptians. Von Daniken believed it would have been impossible to transport the heavy stones without aid of highly advanced transportation.

Seemingly concrete facts offered to back up Von Daniken's theories, tend to make one believe the "unbelievable."

Jaycees Help out

Students and faculty express appreciation to the Montevallo Jaycees and the people who donated time, money, and effort to improve the appearance of the stadium and contribute to support of Bulldog spirit.

Stealing in School Leads to Life of Crime

A large majority of criminals begin with petty thefts as first offenses and work their way up--or down. Many begin lifetime careers of crime in high school.

National statistics show that young people under 21 account for 70 per cent of today's auto thefts, burglaries, and larceny. Alabama's crime rate has increased to 1893 crimes per year and continues to climb.

MHS is experiencing a rash of stealing. Apparently those guilty have no respect for fellow students. High school should be a place for developing lifetime principles as well as character and personality.

If a student lowers himself to being a petty thief, he cannot count on going very far in life. Remember, a high school education is not required for prison.

Fire, Health---

Smoking Poses Double Hazard

Policies are not made to be broken, but the past few weeks have brought numerous violations of the MHS smoking policy. Some students feel they may get around the "No Smoking" rule by stepping off campus. By doing this, they breach the rule, "Students may not leave campus after they arrive at school."

A major reason for the no-smoking policy is that the building is extremely dried by age, and cigarettes are dangerous fire hazards.

Next time you feel you need to light up, think about this hazard, as well as the one to your health.

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Study Hairdos and Make-Up--

Classes Enjoy 'Being a Girl'

"The feminine look is in" according to Mrs. Judy Stone, cosmetologist who visited Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins's basic home ec classes Oct. 1. Mrs. Stone gave a slide presentation, "The Butterfly Story," which pointed out how to make the most of natural beauty through proper use of make-up.

Continuation of the classes' unit on personal hygiene and appearance took the girls to Clarence Stone's Style Shoppe on Oct. 2 for tips on hair care and styling. Mr. Stone's demonstration included cutting and styling students Marla Moines' and Betsy Hood's hair.

Ninth grader Paula Guthrie commented, "This was an enjoyable way to spend a class period."

"Black Beauty Day" was Sept. 28 when black girls discussed hair styles such as the Corn Row and Afro.



Club Revs up Spirit

Bulldog spirit can now be seen in force with the formation of a Pep Club.

At an organizational meeting, Sept. 25, twenty-five girls met with the cheerleaders to learn new cheers and chants and to make spirit posters.

Peggy Cottingham was elected leader of the group which will sit in reserved stadium bleachers at ball-games and pep rallies.

On the Road--

Drivers Practice

Drivers Ed students are taking to the road. Basic driving skills studied earlier this fall are being practiced at New Men's Residence Hall parking lot at U of M.

Mr. C. Martin comments, "The purpose of on-the-road classtime is to gain actual highway experience in driving a car."

Ken Terry Chevrolet donated a 1974, four-door white Impala to the class for the practice.

Ag Students Take Trip

Agribusiness classes, conducting a study of electricity, visited Southern Electric Generating Co. at Wilsonville last week.

Jerry McNeel, Sr. (MHS, '60) former FFA member, served as one of the guides in assisting teachers M. Thornton and Charles Kidd with the tour.

Mr. Thornton comments, "All students indicated that the study was a worthwhile part of the program."

Austin Spins Records for Hop

Disc jockey Johnny Austin played the "top forty" records as MHS ushered in the dance season with a sock hop following the first home football game Sept. 21.

Student Council advisor Dan Martin commented, "Attendance and behavior were excellent. Students really seemed to enjoy themselves."

On hand for special duty were two special ed students Michael Fields and Allan Stone, SC representatives, who sold popcorn and headed the clean-up committee.

The Council plans another sock hop for Oct. 12 when the Bulldogs entertain Dallas County.



Secretaries Choose Leaders

Future secretaries held an organizational meeting Sept. 25.

The 12 members chose Bonnie Williams, president; Sarah Gilmore, vice president; and Melanie Horton, secretary-treasurer. Julia Smitherman was named reporter.

Tentative plans for programs were discussed. They included speakers from the secretarial field and looking into requirements for secretarial jobs open to high school graduates.



Selling Hangers--

FHA Earns Money

FHA opened its activities with visions of dollar signs. The sale of utility wall hangers for \$3.15 each was the three-day project chosen for Sept. 25-28. Profits will help finance purchases of films, duplicating machine, and a micro-wave oven.

Home economics teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins are FHA sponsors; Randie Sears, president.

Better Look in the Book

Have you ever taken a close look in the dictionary? It might be a wise move. SPOTLIGHT staffers found two strange words in the dictionary and confronted MHSers with them.

When asked, "What would you do if someone osculated you," Thomas Brown hesitatingly replied, "I'd say, 'Do it again!'" Secretary Opal Long said, "Sounds like it would be fun;" and with a look of seriousness, Larry Davis replied, "I'd osculate them back."

When asked, "What would you do if you found some zythum?", history teacher Dennis Draper said, "Stomp it." John Miller wittily replied, "I'd run from it;" Pam Steele would "play with it;" and senior Roy Lucas would "pick it up, wonder about it, then eat it."

If you're wondering if you've ever been osculated, you probably have. It means "To kiss." As for zythum, it's only beer.

Both Sexes Choose Built-up Shoes

MHSers are walking tall. Shoes with two- and three-inch heels are no uncommon sight in the halls. And even the males are getting into the high-heel act.

Eddie Tyus, wearing two toned platforms, comments, "They are comfortable and make me about two inches taller. (You can't wear them in a basketball game, though, Eddie.)"

One has only to listen to recognize Lynn Guthrie clomping down the halls in her stylish wooden clogs which increase her height two inches. And there's Krist Lien towering over most of his classmates in his super-platforms.

Krist smiles, "They add over three and one-half inches to my own 5'11".

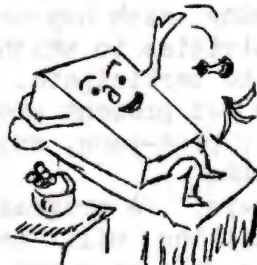
With all this extra height around, MHSers are people who can really be looked up to.



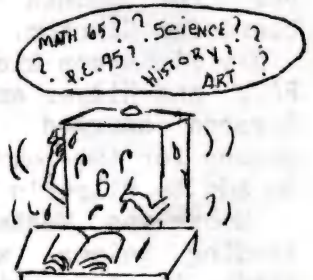
HOP AFTER GAME

SC will sponsor a sock hop in the auditorium after the Dallas County game, Oct. 12. Admission is \$1.

LOCKER LAUGHS



Leaves are turning;
Fall is near.
Six weeks' grades
Will soon be here.
But don't you worry
And don't you fuss.
Just relax
And laugh with us.



Conversation in the office turned to the Billie Jean King - Riggs tennis match. Lunchroom manager Gwen Mitchell quipped, "I'm glad that Billie Jean won. Riggs really found out who is 'King'."

Senior Carol Evans burst into the office last week in a state of mild panic. When secretary Opal Long inquired about her problem, Carol sputtered, "I've just got to use the phone; I forgot to put the chicken out to thaw this morning."

Coach Terms Trick o Treat

Things went bananas for Coach Gary Fleming Sept. 21 at the pep rally.



Six Bulldogs and the coach were blindfolded and given bananas. The object was to see who could consume the fruit fastest.

Blindfolds were removed from all but Coach Fleming. Hilarity reigned as the coach gobbled down the banana while the other contestants looked on.

With his blindfold removed and his face matching his red hair, Coach commented, "The only thing I hated was that I had only one banana to eat."

History teacher Dennis Draper was relating his Army experiences to one of his classes.

Mr. Draper commented that he worked in the typing room and his motto was, "We don't retreat, we just backspace."

Journalism students Jean Woodall and Dorothy Johnson were discussing palmistry. "This," Jean traced on Dorothy's palm, "is your lifeline."

Noting the short crease, Dorothy commented, "Well, we all got to go sometime."

Moore Runs 94 yds. for TD--

Hilyer Shines, Clanton Wins

Montevallo football fans witnessed a one-man scoring show from the opponent for the second straight week as Chilton County defeated the Bulldogs 29-14 here Sept. 21. Clanton's senior halfback Jimmy Hilyer took the place of James Tannehill, Thompson's standout the week before.

Hilyer Scores 4

Hilyer's scoring spree netted four touchdowns for the Tigers --two in each half.

Both Montevallo touchdowns came on long runs, with Bobby Sherrer going 45 and Willie Moore, 94.

Sherrer Takes Fumble

Sherrer opened the game's scoring with a 45-yard run after he scooped a fumbled punt in Clanton's territory. The try for the two points was no good, and Montevallo led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, after Roy Lucas intercepted a Tiger pass on MHS's six, Moore covered the 94 yards in the first play from scrimmage. Thomas Brown passed to Harry Martin for two points.

With runs of two yards, 13 yards, and 14 yards, and one 12-yard pass from Mike Barrett, quarterback, Hilyer put points on the board for Clanton.

Ray Finlayson kicked one PAT, and Hilyer and Randy Edwards snagged Barrett passes for two-points each, to add to Hilyer's 24.

Moore was Montevallo's leading gainer with 105 yards in six carries, upping his average to 6.2 for the first four games.

Martin had a 43-yard punting average for four kicks.

In Volleyball--

Girls Set, Serve

Girls' phys ed classes are learning two basic techniques of volleyball, serving and setting. Rules of the game are also being stressed.

Phys ed teacher Dot Bishop says, "As soon as we get skilled enough, we will start tournaments."

Karate Comes To School

MHS gym was transformed into a Karate ring Sept. 27. Mr. S. Deaton, instructor from Birmingham, conducted an introductory session in the Japanese art of self-defense.

Montevallo Recreation Department began sponsoring regular lessons in Karate last night. Cost of the course is \$10 a month.

MHSers participating in the session on kicks, yells, and chops are PE teacher Dot Bishop, Beverly Brazzell, Johnny Farrington, Gail Hill, Dorothy Johnson, John Miller, and Vanessa White.

Break the String--

Pups Beat Shelby

Junior High Bullpups stopped an 11-year winning streak Tuesday night by defeating Columbiana 6-0.

The 'Pups received to open the second half and promptly marched to the Kittens' 10. From there, freshman Tim Ross scored.

Boys Choose Activity

Boys' phys ed classes have freedom of choice this year. Coach Richard Gilliam has initiated a system allowing each boy to choose activities in which he wishes to participate.

Choices at present are basketball, ping-pong, and weightlifting.

Coach says, "A program of weightlifting will be set up as the year progresses."

Bulldogs Fight Bulldogs Tonight

It will be a dog-eat-dog battle tonight for Montevallo as the MHS Bulldogs travel to Elmore County to face the Holtville Bulldogs. Holtville, ranked 5th in the State in 2A competition, is undefeated this season, after finishing last year with a 9-1 record. Montevallo last played Holtville in 1965. That game ended in a 14-14 deadlock.

Next week Montevallo hosts the Dallas County Hornets. Last year was the first meeting of these two teams. This game decided nothing; it ended in a 6-6 tie.

Mr. Jimmy Jones, Boosters president, urges all Bulldog backers to travel in a motorcade behind the football bus tonight to Holtville. Plans are for a five o'clock departure. Fans are asked to bring sack lunches and join in a picnic supper at Holtville School.

Lost more than a Game--

Panthers Down 'Dogs 29-14

Jemison handed Montevallo its fourth loss of the season last Friday night, 29-14. And the loss was a costly one for the Bulldogs. Injuries to senior backfield starters Harry Martin and Roy Lucas, which put both out of action before halftime, may hinder the Bulldogs when they meet Holtville tonight.

Early Field Goal

In the opening minutes of the game, Ray Beam kicked a 14-yd. field goal to start Jemison's scoring. Quarterback Tony Brown threw a touchdown pass to Randall Gothard in the second quarter and then scored himself on a 16-yd run to put the Panthers out front 16-0.

Moore Scores for MHS

Two minutes before halftime Willie Moore plunged into the end zone from six yards out to make the count 16-6 at intermission.

The Panthers took the second half kickoff and drove 55 yards. Brown's 18-yd. pass to Gothard was the payoff strike.

Moore then ran the ensuing kick 73 yards to the Panther 21. From there, Tim Ross, subbing for injured Martin at fullback, scored on the sixth try, going over from the one.

Moore carried the two-point conversion across.

On a three-yard sneak, Brown got the final six points for the Panthers; Beam kicked the PAT.

Mitchell Claims Horseshoes Title

"Next," grins junior Glen Mitchell as he sets down horseshoe opponents.

Glen leads the field of "lunchtime" horseshoe men with the most ringers. He really showed his talent when he threw six ringers in one day on Sept. 19.

Mr. Doug Morris, who supplies the horseshoes and part of the competition, says, "Some of these boys must be practicing somewhere else; they're really getting good."

Second Half Begins Tonight

As the whistle blows on the second half of the football season tonight, action around the county shows:

MHS at Holtville
Calera at Thorsby
Maplesville at Chelsea
Lineville at Columbiana
John Carroll at Thompson
Vincent (Open date)

Chelsea and Thompson will place unblemished records on the line tonight.

Maplesville should not cause the Hornets much worry; but John Carroll, also undefeated, could just spell trouble for Thompson.

Volleyball Has 5 Returnees

Eleven new members and five "old timers" make up the girls' volleyball team this year. Phys ed teacher Dot Bishop made the selection Sept. 18.

Returning are Vivian Bolling, Jessie Chism, Deborah Hudson, Virginia Morris, and Denise Rutledge. Newcomers are Shirley Conwell, Sara Jemison, Marla Maines, Veronica Rutledge, Sheryle Staffney, and Christine Vassar.

Miss Bishop states, "A lot of hard work is necessary to prepare for our first game Oct. 27."

Chelsea, Thompson Keep Winning

Chelsea and Thompson stand tall as both remain undefeated in football.

The Hornets are ranked 5th in the state and seem destined for State playoffs again this year.

Coach Richard Conkle's charges kept their own goal line uncrossed last week as Thurman Moore whizzed past the Calera defense to give the Hornets an 8-0 win over the Eagles. This was Calera's first loss.

Victory No. 4 for the Hornets came with a 50-0 win over Ragland Sept. 28.

Thompson's undefeated Warriors added two more victories in their bid for the State playoffs by zeroing Shelby County 28-0 two weeks ago and stomping Vincent 42-6 last week.

Other game results are:

Sept. 21

Winterboro 50 - Vincent 0
Clanton .. 29 - MHS ... 14
Calera ... 26 - Jemison 12

Sept. 28

Jemison .. 29 - MHS ... 14
Holtville. 21 - Shelby. 14



Joycees Help with Paint Job

Montevallo Joycees, backed by special ed teacher David Nichols, donated \$100 to the high school to help finance painting the football stadium bleachers.

Assisting with the task was Middle School teacher Larry Popwell, who supervised painting the reserved seat section. Others donating worktime were principal W. C. Corbett and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris.

Painting was completed Sept. 20 in time for the first home game for MHS.

Jaycee president is Mr. Jim Burton.

Scientists Elect Putman

First order of business for the Junior Academy of Science at its Oct. 2 meeting was election of officers.

The 21 members, under direction of science teachers Jo Anna McGaughy and Jim Hermecz, elected Melody Putman president.

John Miller was named vice president; and Lou Lucas, secretary-treasurer.

Any student who has had biology is eligible for membership.

Sales Increase

Student Council Supply store shows a ten percent increase in sales over last year according to the manager, Lori Merijanlian.

This "boom" is attributed to a wider variety of materials sold and a wider student involvement.

Shirley Conwell explains, "The store sells what we need when we need it."

Special Classes Take Two Trips

Students in Mr. David Nichols's classes have become travelers. Last week the special ed group toured Montevallo Cleaners, and earlier the vocational English class visited Montevallo Telephone Company.

At the cleaners, the boys were shown how machines were operated. Later they were treated to cokes.

Mr. Nichols comments, "Mr. McGaughy and Mr. Lacey explained the plant procedure and answered questions. It was an interesting and valuable experience."

On the trip to the telephone company, the English class learned the workings of the telephone and was presented with four phones for class study.

Don't Rule out any Possibility

While stargazing, have your eyes ever stumbled across what you thought was a flying saucer?

Interviews with faculty members disclosed various opinions on the subject.

Math teacher Doug Morris figures it this way, "Just because one doesn't know what it is doesn't make it a flying saucer."

Typing teacher Susie DeMent reasons, "I suppose we are UFO's to men--if there are any--on Mars; so, why shouldn't we have UFO's from there?" History teacher Dennis Draper comments, "I believe I would have to see one to believe it exists."

If counting the stars results in spying an unknown object and one can eliminate airplanes, skylab, and pollution, then maybe what you see is a flying saucer.

(Sherrie Dove)

FFA, FHA Answer Cotton-Candy Call

FFA and FHA members are saving pennies to attend the Alabama State Fair which opened in Birmingham yesterday.

FFA will visit the Fair Oct. 13, while FHAers will take advantage of free admittance on Students' Day, Oct. 10.

"I hope the trip will inspire the girls to have their own project ready for next year's fair," says Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins, FHA adviser.

Members of both groups will be transported to the fairgrounds by bus.

Seniors Pose

All seniors will be shot Oct. 10. On this date Waldrup Studios from Birmingham will make senior portraits.

Finished products should be back before Christmas.





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U of M Seniors Get Training On the Job

Eight faculty members will supervise and receive help with daily duties from U of M seniors who arrive at MHS Oct. 29 for nine weeks' training.

Among the apprentice teachers are Miss Katherine Bean and Mrs. Margaret Cummings, to be supervised by Mrs. Junnie Craig and Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins in the home ec department.

Miss Gloria Neuffer will receive training under Mrs. Linda Sproul in English and speech. Mrs. Ann Parker and Mr. Dan Martin will share services contributed by Miss Susan Tenant, also in English.

In the social studies department Mr. Cecil Matthews will work with Mr. (Cont'd p. 2)

At Troy State University--

Band Marches to Trial Oct. 27

Marching music resounds over the campus as the Troubadours prepare for the Southeastern States Marching Festival, Oct. 27, at Troy State University. Three judges from over the southeast will rate the band either superior, excellent, good, fair, or poor. Grading points include marching, playing, and general effects.

Selections which the Troubadours will be playing are Alabama Fanfare, Camelot, Watch What Happens, Fiddler on the Roof, and How Soon. Band director Jim Weese comments, "If we get 100% effort, pride, and teamwork from all band members, we should be able to be proud of our performance."

Last year's band, led by drum major Jon Goad, earned a superior rating at the Troy Festival.

Queen's Election next Friday--

SC Prepares for Homecoming

Alumni will be "coming home" for the 48th year Nov. 2, when MHS celebrates homecoming. Under sponsorship of the Student Council, student and faculty committees have set up plans for all phases of the annual event.

Queen to Be Named Oct. 26

Following tradition, a queen will be chosen from the senior class, with an attendant from each grade, 8-12. Yesterday was the deadline for attendant and queen candidates to sign up; elections are scheduled for next Friday. Home economics teacher Junnie Craig will assist the girls in selecting proper attire for their presentation at a pre-game show.

Alumni Social Hour

An alumni social hour, hosted by Mrs. Frances Anthony, Mrs. Blanche Coger, Randie Sears, and Dorothy Johnson, will be held in Room 5 during the semi-formal dance which follows the football game.

Maplesville, a team the Bulldogs have not played since 1965, will furnish the gridiron competition.

These activities climax a Spirit Week, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, planned by Student Council to promote student participation and spirit.

Monday Is Holiday

No school Monday. All public schools will be closed for Veterans Day.

Traditionally celebrated on Nov. 11 as Armistice Day which denoted the end of World War I, the holiday became Veterans Day by a Federal Act in 1971 and was moved to the fourth Monday in October.

1st Six Weeks---

131 Scholars Make Honor Roll

At least 131 MHSers are off to a good start academically this year as 21 earned all A's and 119 made 85 or above on all subjects for the first six weeks.

Students rating all A's for the first grading period are: 8th grade--Leslie Davis, Barry Harper, Kim Jones, Barry Kornegay, Scott Kramer, Darnell Lawley, Chuck Reynolds, and Iris Smitherman.

9th grade--Billy Belisle, Lynne Davis, Regina Harbour, and Ricky Williams.

10th grade--Susan Cupp, and Nancy Nix.

11th grade-- Jimmy Day, Kim Hollon, Becky Morris, and Michele Van Landingham.

12th grade-- Jon Goad, Deborah Hudson, and Bonnie Williams.

Officers Are Captains--

Juniors Sponsor Campaign

Juniors got a lesson in salesmanship Oct. 11 as they kicked off the annual magazine campaign. Mr. James Goodlett from the Perfect Subscription Co. met with the 85 juniors to discuss plans for the drive.

The goal was set at 850 total orders, with gifts going to top salesmen. Class officers are serving as team captains.

Leaders from Mr. Gary Fleming's room are vice president Patricia Thompson and treasurer Lou Lucas. President Tricia Corbett and Kay Ward serve Mrs. Linda Sproul's room. Mr. Dan Martin's co-captains are Chuck Lovelady and Glenn Mitchell. Class secretary Yudonna Carson handles the correspondence.

Anne Johnson, Earlene Tolbert, Jimmy Day, and Bobby Wyatt make up an incentive committee, whose duty is to promote home-room competition.

Proceeds from the sale, which ends Oct. 29, will finance the Junior-Senior Prom. Mr. Goodlett comments, "I promised to give the class a party if they sold 750 orders, and I believe they'll make it."

U of M Seniors--(Cont.)

Gary Fleming's democracy and history classes, while Mr. William Benton trains with Mr. Dennis Draper in world history classes.

Miss Marcia Tripp will learn the tricks of the typing trade under direction of Miss Susie DeMent.

It's News Downtown--

Police Woman Protects Children

Elementary school students are under careful watch of a lady in blue.

Former MHSer Lettie Lucas Johnson directs traffic at the elementary school crossing. She also operates the radio at the police station.

Rev. George Steincross from University Baptist Church made the long road to Holtville seem shorter for MHS fans Oct. 5. He drove the church bus to provide transportation for the loyal supporters.



Montevallo now has a resident veterinarian, Dr. Frank Brush, whose clinic will be located at the old Wagon Wheel restaurant in Wilton.

Beauty and brains will come together on the stage of Palmer Hall at U of M's Elite Night, Oct. 27.

Outstanding students in all fields will be highlighted along with class favorites, beauties, and the naming of Mr. and Miss U of M. A number of former MHSers are candidates.

4 MHS Teachers Celebrate as Vets

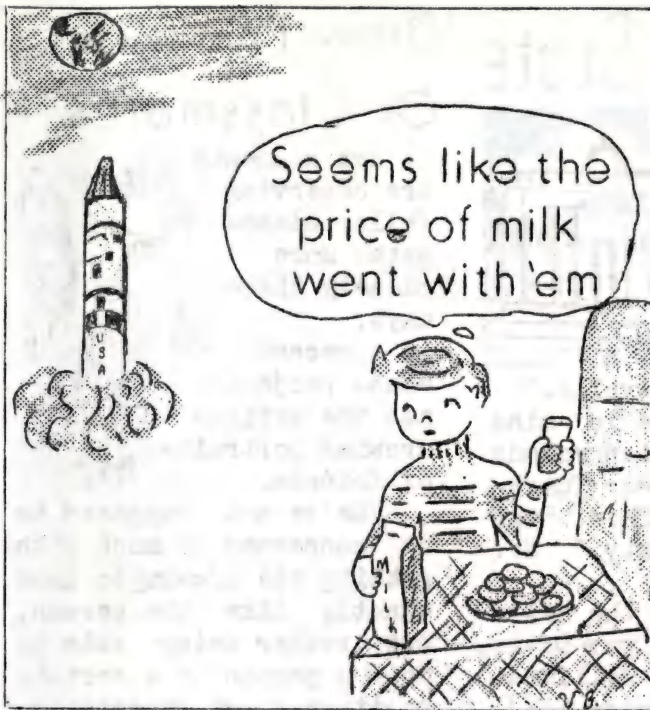
Several MHS faculty members have good reason to celebrate Veterans Day, Oct. 22. They will be honored for participating in branches of the armed services.

Principal W. C. Corbett served in the Army at Ft. Knox, Ky., 195-1953. Mr. Dennis Draper saw duty as a soldier in Vietnam.

"During World War II," recalls Mr. Charles Kidd, "I served in the Army in Europe."

Mr. Charles Martin also served in World War II. He was with the Navy Seabees in the South Pacific.

EDITORIALS . . .



Where Will It End? When?

Milk, nature's "most nearly perfect food," may soon be next to impossible to buy due to rising costs. In the past few months milk has increased eight cents on the gallon. Consumers have no choice but to pay this, because milk is so beneficial to a balanced diet, particularly for children.

Daily food shoppers are not the only ones affected by the "high rise." MHSers are feeling the pressure, too. Those who eat in the lunchroom have seen milk prices double from 5¢ to 10¢ per carton.

US Agriculture Department cannot allot more than 25 million dollars for the milk program in schools this year. It seems ironic that Federal officials willingly spend millions of dollars on campaigns and bugging equipment used only once and then actually aid in hindering citizens from obtaining something necessary for a healthy body.

Hope for the Best

Political history was made Oct. 10 when Vice President Spiro Agnew, accused of tax evasion, resigned from office. The consensus of MHS students seems to be an approval of his resignation and the hope that his successor, Gerald Ford, can restore honor and responsibility to the office of Vice President of the United States.

Everyone Has a Part

Homecoming demands unity and cooperation. Much preparation will be needed to make this occasion a success. Students and faculty must work together to get the job done with as little inconvenience as possible to either group.

In the past some students have abused privileges granted them while working toward this occasion.

For a real successful homecoming there must be unity, seriousness of purpose, and good sportsmanship on the part of all who are involved--and that is everyone.

Halloween Is for Children

Gather the treats, but beware of the tricks of Halloween!

Halloween is a time for children to have fun, display their costumes, and compete with one another to see who can collect the most candy.

It is not a time for high school teenagers to play harmful pranks and vandalize. Try to find something constructive to do on this night.

Remember, "Idle minds are the devil's workshop;" and the devil does most of his best work on occasions like Halloween.

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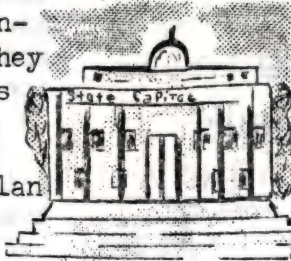
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Get Firsthand Info--

Freshmen Unite to Study State

Members of the Know-Alabama Club intend to do what the name implies as they look forward to field trips to various points of interest in the state.

Mr. Johnnie McClain, co-sponsor of the freshman organization says, "We plan to make trips to several places this year, mostly around the 50 to 75 mile



vicinity of Montevallo."

"Sites we have in mind include the Indian mounds at Moundville near Tuscaloosa and Horse Shoe Bend in Talladega County," Mr. McClain adds.

Officers of the newly formed club are Lynne Davis, president; Ricky Williams, vice-president; Betsy Hood, secretary; Bernita Thompson, treasurer; and Pam Guthrie, chaplain.

Mr. Lawrence McGraw is co-sponsor of the club with Mr. McClain.

Vocational Students Observe Mechanics

Vocational history students and their teacher, Mr. David Nichols, toured the mechanics, auto-body, and fender shops of Leach Pontiac Oct. 10.

Mr. Van Reed, guide for the tour, showed the class a new machine used in detecting problems in cars. Later, body mechanic Lawrence Thomas, explained what was involved in restoring wrecked cars.

Mr. Nichols observed, "The boys found that these jobs may be on their list to consider when they finish school."

It's Fiesta Time

Future plans for Spanish Club include holiday fiestas. Officers, elected Oct. 1, announce a Halloween Party for Oct. 25.

Mike Treglia leads the group as president. Tricia Corbett is vice president; Lynn Davis, secretary; and David Treglia, treasurer.

First-year Spanish student Kay Ward reveals, "A Spanish-style Christmas party is also in the planning stages."

Budding Artists Draw Pictures Of Classmates

Art students are observing fellow classmates more closely these days.

A recent class project has the artists drawing portraits of friends.

"We're not supposed to be concerned so much with getting the drawing to look exactly like the person, but rather being able to draw a person in a certain position," art student Karen Guthrie explains.

Teacher Ann Parker commends, "With each progressing portrait, I can see that each student is improving."



As Seniors Pose for Annual--

Falling Rock Furnishes Setting

After the hustle and bustle of primping and posing for individual portrait making on Oct. 10, the seniors and their photographer moved to a more casual atmosphere.

Dressed mostly in jeans, the 12th graders traveled in two school buses down a gully-filled bumpy dirt road to Falling Rock near Pea Ridge.

Seniors were posed and photographed in two different arrangements, with the falls in the background. The picture will go in the MONTALA as a color insheet.

"The group was very cooperative and the photography went safely amidst a very lovely setting," comments senior sponsor Ann Parker.



Fair Attracts 60

Home ec teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins chaperoned a group of 60 FHA members as they explored exhibit rooms concerning FHA at the State Fair, Birmingham, Oct. 10.

Cynthia Smelley says, "I especially enjoyed the sewing display with all the fashionable garments."

Some Americans Have Odd Names Enjoy Yourself!

MHS has its own melting pot. Roll books are filled with foreign tongue twisters like Zahumensky, Merijan-ian, and Fochtmann. While some MHSers still have ancestors in foreign countries, most claim that only the name is foreign now.

Susan Zahumensky from Czechoslovakia says, "I still have some ancestors in Czechoslovakia, but they are only distantly related to me."

Susy Hernandez, who hails from Cuba, says, "My grand-
parents still reside in Cuba."

"My name may be French, but my family is all-Ameri-
can," typing teacher Susie DeMent says laughingly.

Other "foreign" MHSers are Herman Fochtmann, Ger-
man; Greg, John, and Lori Merijan-ian, Armenian; David and Mike Treglia, Italian; and Cassie and Albert Ve-
larde, Spanish.

What are you going to do with Monday's holiday? Greg Merijan-ian plans to "really live it up and not do any homework," while Billy Barrow will "relax and forget about school."

Well, this writer plans on doing nothing except worry about the next is-
sue of SPOTLIGHT.

(John Tishler)

Hobbies Serve Many Purposes

In these days of worry and hurry many MHSers take time out for relaxation through involvement in hobbies which range from animal care to furniture con-
struction.

Eleventh grader Beth Pritchett spends lots of time grooming her horse "Duck." Beth comments, "It beats buying gasoline."

Basketball Star

Erma Conwell plans to be the "first famous fe-
male" basketball player.

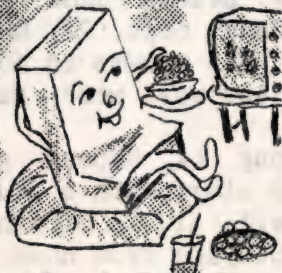
In spare moments she teaches small children the fundamentals of basketball and exercise they need to stay in shape for action on the court.

Bobbie McCary earns spending money by teaching others to sew and plans to go into the field of fashion design.

Senior sponsor Mrs. Ann Parker, collects antiques and small colored glass bubbles. She says, "An-
tiques add liveliness to your surroundings."

And Mr. Doug Morris has the unique hobby of "whit-
tling wood" while designing his own type of furniture.

LOCKER LAUGHS



Homecoming plans
Are in the air--
Students rushing
Everywhere.
But take a rest;
Pause a while.
Enjoy the fun;
Take time to smile.



Coach Gary Fleming was discussing his singing ability. When asked what part he sang, coach re-
plied, "Tenor," then quick-
ly added, "ten or twelve notes off key."

Discussion in Mrs. Fran-
ces Anthony's senior Eng-
lish class turned to the qualities of a leader.

Mrs. Anthony commented on how the President's job was a lonely one. Stephen Fancher said, "Yeah, all his friends are going to jail."

Students in Mr. Lawrence McGraw's Alabama History class were discussing why cotton was not the most im-
portant crop in Alabama.

Freshman Glen Blackmon remarked, "Cotton can't be eaten." Roxanne Elliott quipped, "I suppose you have never heard of cotton candy?"

Math teacher Doug Mor-
ris jokingly asked Coach Gary Fleming if he had any hair spray to lend on pic-
ture day.

Coach quickly replied, "No, but I've got some paste wax."

Lift that Bar The Correct Way!

Boys in phys ed started building up muscles this week as Coach Richard Gilliam introduced the weight training program.



Coach says, "Boys will begin by lifting just the bar to learn the proper way to do it. It's very important that they handle weights correctly."

Eighth grader Ricky Williams promises "to be able to lift at least 50 pounds at the end of the program."

Volleyballers Win

Continued practice and high spirit brought victory to the girls volleyball team as they defeated Jemison here Oct. 2.

In a return match at Jemison Oct. 8, the MHSers tied the female Panthers by winning one match and losing one.

Blocton, Next Week's Host--

Calera Brings 5-1 Record Tonight

Two strong opponents await the Bulldogs for the next two games as the end of the season draws near. Tonight the Calera Eagles visit, and next Friday the ever-tough Tigers of West Blocton host the Bulldogs in Bibb County.

The last time the Bulldogs defeated the Eagles was in 1969 by a 13-0 score. Coach Richard Gilliam was at the helm for the Eagles at the time. Since then, Calera has won three times, and one game ended in an 8-8 tie.

Montevallo and West Blocton have played seven games since 1959, with the Tigers enjoying a 5-2 edge. Last year the Bulldogs tripped the Tigers for an 18-7 homecoming victory.

Losing only to undefeated Chelsea this year, Coach Rick Cairns' Eagles bring a 5-1 record here tonight.

Rutledge Rushes to Rescue

Quick thinking by an 8th grader may have saved MHS from disaster Oct. 9. Fire broke out in the phys ed laundryroom as Willie Rutledge was passing by. Immediately Willie ran to Coach Gilliam's office for the fire extinguisher.

By the time Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming arrived on the scene, Willie had the fire under control. Coach Gilliam explained, "The fire was started by too little water and too much suds in the washer. When the sudsy water ran out onto the electrical outlet, the fire started."

He added, "If water had been used to extinguish the fire, it would only have made the blaze larger."

Willie modestly commented, "I did what any other MHSer would have done in the same situation."

SPORTS

Auxiliary Works

Women in the Montevallo Bulldog Boosters Auxiliary promote spirit by providing moral and financial support to the athletic program at MHS.

This group prepares pre-game meals for the football team each Friday.

Other projects include selling peanuts at home games and selling Benson's 3-lb. fruit cakes.

Mrs. Jane Jones and Mrs. Sue Winslett, co-presidents, urge all who are interested to join.

Early Birds Get the Doves

Dove season came in with a bang Sept. 22. Many hunters sat hours in dove fields, and most were successful.

A group of MHSers got an early start with a dove shoot Sept. 31, in Birmingham. Staying from noon to 5:30 p.m., Duncan Pickett and Barry Johnson brought home the most game -- 11 birds apiece.

Others on the shoot were Eddie Hyde and father Ed; Greg Merijanian, Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. Eugene Pickett, Buster Pickett and his father James.

Dove season, in recess since Oct. 6, will be back Dec. 24.

Game Season

For Shelby County

Rabbit--Oct. 15-28

Squirrel--Oct. 25-Jan. 24

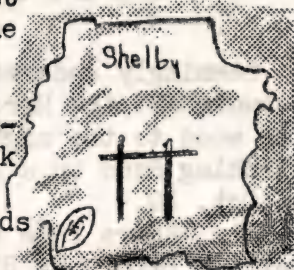
Deer (guns) Nov. 20-Jan. 24

Deer (bows and arrows) Oct. 12-Jan. 24

Chelsea Blanks all Opposition

"Seven down and three to go," boast Chelsea fans as their Hornets hold the only undefeated record in the county. Powerful John Carroll of Birmingham scalped the winning Warriors of Thompson 28-6 on Oct. 5 at Siluria to knock them out of the undefeated ranks.

Chelsea's stingy defense still holds an uncrossed goal line. The Hornets zapped Maplesville, MHS's homecoming opponent, 37-0 on Oct. 5, and then added the seventh shutout to their string by trouncing Thorsby 27-0 last week.



Scoring Summary

Oct. 5

Chelsea 37, Maplesville 0
Shelby Co. 18, Lineville 14
John Carroll 28, Th'son 6
Calera 22, Thorsby 0
Holtville 13, MHS 6
Vincent, Open date

Oct. 12

Chelsea 27, Thorsby 0
Shelby Co. 9, Pinson 7
Thompson 36, McAdory 15
Calera 30, Verbena 14
Dallas Co. 21, MHS 18
Vincent 27, Lineville 7

Montevallo Scores First--

Bulldogs Scare Holtville

No. 5 ranked Holtville came from behind to squeeze past MHS Oct. 5 by a 13-6 count at Holtville.

Here's the action. Marry Martin's opening kick set the Holtville crew deep in their own territory and forced a punt. The MHS Bulldogs then drove 49 yards in nine plays to put up six points, with Willie Moore going over from 19 yards out.

It took the Holtville Bulldogs just eight plays to drive 58 yards and tie the score. Johnny Mize romped 29 yards with the touchdown.

After both sets of Bulldogs had a touchdown, they settled down to two quarters of real defense. Then with 4:25 left in the game, Holtville would remain in check no longer. Chris Ziegler drove for seven straight plays that covered 51 yards to get the winning TD.

Martin kept his punting average in the 40's, kicking three times for a 41-yd. average.

Standers Block View

Fellow Students:

A majority of MHSers have shown much more spirit this year than before. But there is still a problem--a few people are forgetting C O U R T E S Y !

It is impossible for the people occupying the bottom rows of bleachers to see the ballgame with people leaning on the rails in front of them.

Last Friday night the principal and two policemen had to continue urging these people to move.

With plenty seats in the stands, it is not necessary for anyone to stand. All we ask is that these "leaners" have the courtesy to take a seat in the bleachers so that everyone can see the

BULLDOGS

BEAT CALERA!

...John Miller

Dallas Grabs Last Minute Victory, 21-18

Dallas County's Hornets pulled out a 21-18 stinger in the last two minutes of the game to edge the Bulldogs here Oct. 12.

Moore Scores Three

Halfback Willie Moore scored all three TD's for MHS as he rushed 144 yards in 20 carries. One TD covered 11 yards, and the other two were 8 yarders.

The Bulldogs missed all three extra points, which proved to be the margin of victory for Dallas.

Holcombe Stars

Workhorse Jimmy Holcombe, carrying 38 times, gained 169 yards in scoring two Hornet TD's. The other came on a 26-yd. aerial that slipped through Harry Martin's hands into the hands of Danny Welch for the score.

Lonnie Johnson kicked all three PAT's.

Statistics

	MHS	DCHS
1st downs	14	13
Yds rush	227	188
Yds pass	42	18
Passes	4-6-1	2-3
Fumb lost	1	2

MHS Gets Crest

Mr. Joe Brock from the Chambers Engraving Company met with the senior officers to decide on graduation announcements.

This year the added attraction to the announcement is a new school crest, especially designed for MHS. This will be the first year Montevallo has ever had its own crest.

60 Select Health Careers

Health Careers, a new club with 60 members, held its first meeting last Tuesday.



The group decided to attend a Health Fair at Eastwood Mall next Friday.

"The Fair will have booths and exhibits, as well as representatives from different fields of health to provide the students with information concerning the health careers in which they are interested," explains club sponsor Jim Hermecz.

Two Rock groups will provide entertainment.

FTA Will Visit Education Labs

FTA began its activity program Oct. 16. Plans for the year include field trips to kindergartens, day care centers, and elementary schools; along with guest speakers from various fields of education.

Visits to curriculum labs at University of Montevallo and in Birmingham are also being considered.

Officers of FTA are Kay Ward, president; Gilbert Barkley, vice president; Dorothy Johnson, secretary; and Jimmy Winslett, treasurer.

Mrs. Linda Sproul, adviser, says, "FTA has some very valuable and interesting programs on schedule."

On Football Field--

Troubadours Zop Thompson

By John Tishler

Seemingly undermanned and definitely outweighed, the Marching Troubadours put the wood to the mighty Thompson Warrior Marching Band in a football match here on Oct. 10.

The MHSers rode a 40-yd. pass interception return by Billy Belisle and a staunch defense which downed five Warrior passes to a 6-0 victory. All but one of Thompson's drives were halted by interceptions by Belisle, Dane Lawley, and Greg Merimanian.

The match was scoreless until the second quarter. Then, with Thompson deep in its own territory, Belisle picked off the pass that produced the winning TD.

Musicians turned football players for the day were Belisle. Jon Goad, Greg Hardin, Barry Harper, Rodney Jackson, Alan Jones, Scott Kromer, Lawley, James Lawrence, Merimanian, John Tishler, and Steve Williams.



Bulldogs Win, Lose

The Bullpups split two football decisions in the past two weeks. They defeated Jemison at Jemison 28-8 last week and lost to Pell City here 28-14 this week.

In the Jemison game Willie Rutledge scored two TD's and Tim Ross and Terry McCary added one each.

Ross scored both touchdowns against Pell City.

Failure Brings Fun

Jan Jeffries, DJ of WERC, hosted the Student Council's after-game sock hop Oct. 12 in the auditorium.



Due to a mechanical failure in the recorder, Mr. Jeffries piped music from the radio station to the dance and dedicated the entire aired program to MHS.

"Despite technical difficulties," Melody Putman says, "I had a good time."



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A QUEENLY POSE?

Queen Judy Darden (center) expresses surprise at being named homecoming queen over candidates (clockwise) Vivian Bolling, Erma Conwell, Sarah Gilmore, Susan Terry, Debbie Payne, Karen Guthrie, and Lori Merijanian

Bulldogs Play Maplesville--

Judy Darden Rules the Day

Queen Judy Darden reigns over Homecoming '73 as the Bulldogs entertain the Red Devils of Maplesville on the gridiron tonight. Senior Judy and five attendants were selected for the honor by popular vote of the student body Oct. 23. Last year's queen, Beth Shaw, gives her crown to Judy tonight when the royalty is presented at a pre-game show at 7:10.

Alumni Social

"Aggregation" will furnish music for the homecoming dance in the school's auditorium immediately after the ball game. Alumni will gather for remembering during the dance in Room 5 for their annual social hour.

Queen's Court

Members of the court are senior Iris Chappell, junior Suzy Hernandez, sophomore Tricia Tolbert, freshman Paula Guthrie, and 8th grader Leslie Davis.

Judy, a varsity cheerleader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Darden of Montevallo.

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That's the Spirit

MHSers kicked off Homecoming Spirit Week Monday by dressing in orange and blue attire. Cheerleaders judged outfits for originality and awarded \$2 cash prizes to Vivian Bolling, Barry Kornegay, Rusty Morris, and Mary Sherrer.

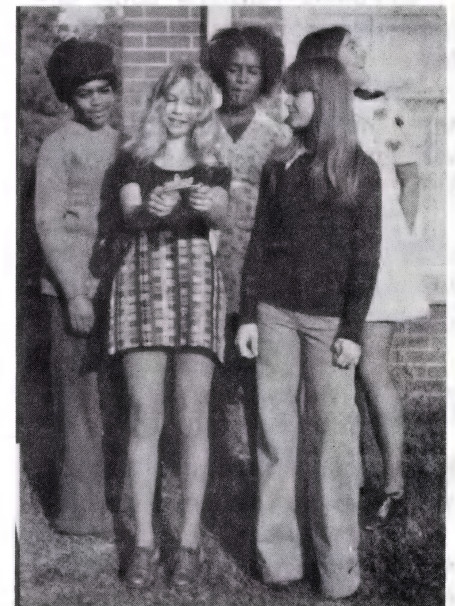
In Marching Test--

Band Steps Out Front

The Marching Troubadours received their second consecutive superior rating in two years at the Southeastern States Marching Festival Oct. 27 and are preparing to defend their reputation Nov. 3 at the Tarrant Marching Festival.

Competing in Class C at Troy were 13 bands, of which four received a "1" rating. Three judges gave the MHS marchers a trophy for two superior and one excellent rating.

Drum major Jon Goad won
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MAYBE ANOTHER YEAR

Attendants admiring crown are (front) Leslie Davis, Paula Guthrie. (Back) Iris Chappell, Tricia Tolbert, Suzy Hernandez

As County Teen Chairman--

Randie Sears Heads MOD Drive

Senior Randie Sears, county teen chairman for March of Dimes, learned about her new job at the March of Dimes convention in Atlanta, Oct. 24-26.

"The purpose of the convention," Randie says, "was to orient the March of Dimes leaders to carry out the 1974 fund-raising program." The drive includes the coordination of the yearly walk-a-thon and films that will be shown to students concerning the seriousness of birth defects.

"The convention was a big step for me," Randie states. "I attended many workshops and made many new friends."

Randie's sister Sally, a 1970 graduate of MHS, was state teen chairman for MOD during her senior year.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but it will be worth it," Randie says.

Juniors Tested

Fifteen juniors took the PSAT-NMSQT test last Saturday.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony directed the testing which lasted from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Junior Mike Treglia comments, "The test was hard, but I'm real anxious to get the scores back."

Band Steps--(Cont'd)

his second straight trophy for a superior performance.

Representatives from 52 schools from over the Southeastern states were there.

Band director Jim Weese commented, "I'm very proud of our band's performance, but we can't stop; we need to look forward to the Tar-rant Contest Saturday."

Juniors Close out Magazine Campaign

Juniors ended their annual magazine drive Tuesday with a total of 229 orders for \$1,277.03.

Top salesman is Lynn Emfinger who sold 16 orders worth \$80.86.

Coach Gary Fleming's group led the three home-rooms with 114 orders, bringing in \$645.32.

Class president Tricia Corbett says, "Even though we didn't hit our goal, we have enough money to have a good Junior-Senior Prom."

Former MHSers Take Spotlight At Elite Night

Courtney Parker, MHS '70 graduate, earned top honors at U of M Elite Nite Oct. 27. Daughter of MHS faculty member Anne Parker and Mr. Grady Parker, Courtney was named Miss U of M and Senior Favorite.

She is a member of Chi Omega sorority and a student government senator.

At MHS Courtney was a member of National Honor Society and a member of both MONTALA and SPOTLIGHT staffs.

Another alumna, Claire Tinsley, '71, was chosen one of 15 top beauties at U of M. Claire served as an MHS cheerleader and a member of National Honor Society. She was Homecoming Queen in 1970.

It's News Downtown--

Baptists Open 'Haunted House'

Baptist Student Center became the Great Green Scream Machine Halloween night. "The Haunted House" was open from 7:30 until 11:30 for an admission fee of 50¢.

Proceeds went to student summer missions.

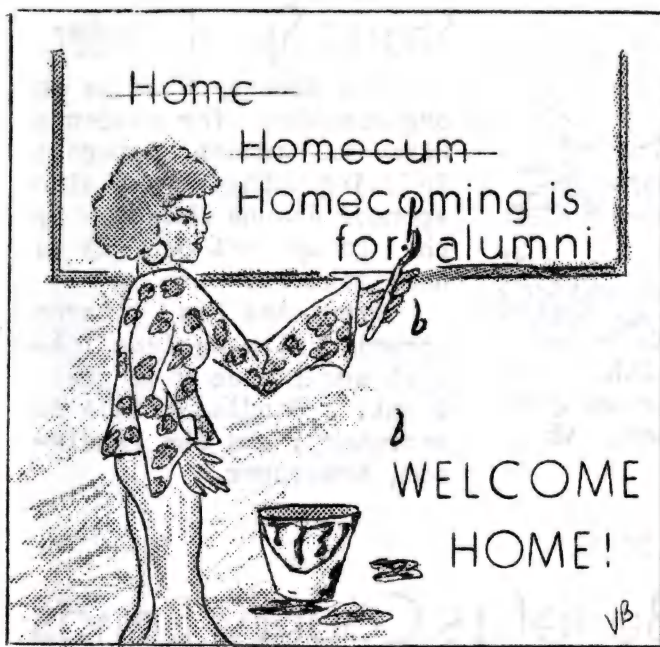
High cost of living will be higher for many local shoppers. Sav-Mor Discount Store on Main Street closed on Oct. 27. Owner Lester Morgan moved the business to Tallapoosa, Ga.



Local car dealers Sherman Holland Ford and Leach Pontiac and Ken Terry Chevrolet in Pelham are providing the cars for the Homecoming Court tonight.

Dr. John Walters, U of M dean, has added the title of author to his many achievements.

His recently published book, Sherman, Merchant of Terror, is based on the atrocities of General Sherman's march through the Southeast in the Civil War.



You'll Want an Annual

Though Bulldog spirit is increasing, yearbook subscriptions are decreasing.

The chief source of income for publication of MONTALA is student subscriptions; but many students fail to support the yearbook.

Year-round activities are summed up in the publication and memories of precious moments centered around school activities are presented in the book. Honor Society president Becky Hood urges, "We want to have a good yearbook, but we can't do it without your help."

What's Best for USA?

The major concern among US citizens today is presidential impeachment. Before we concentrate all efforts on this matter, let us think about our country. Isn't it time someone did?

America is facing many crises today. The outcome of the Middle East War is important due to our small oil supply and winter approaching. US officials must do much bargaining to reestablish oil trade.

Our attention and energy should be turned to our country's needs rather than dwelling on the impeachment issue.

To Impeach or Not--

Look at Both Sides

Shocked by the firing of Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, MHSers express both outrage and approval in airing opinions on the topic of impeachment.

Seniors Melody Putman and Jim Oppert debated the issue.

MELODY: Obstruction of justice is the key to the whole matter. Grounds for impeachment of the President include recent findings that the President received \$2,000,000 from the milk industry for raising milk tariffs, a factor most favorable to milk producers.

JIM: On the other side of the issue, Nixon has done a great deal for America. He helped end the Viet Nam involvement and brought home our POW's.

MELODY: Yes, but he took almost four years to stop an already prolonged war and he spent thousands of tax dollars needlessly in this area.

JIM: We must also remember that he has made arms limitations with USSR and peace pacts with both Russia and Red China. This has lessened pressure and increased security among world powers.

MELODY: Speaking of security, the President spent thousands of taxpayers' dollars for improvements on his home which he labeled "Security measures."

JIM: I still feel that the good Nixon has done outweighs circumstantial evidence brought against him.

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All-American

In Health Careers--

Fair Shows It Like It Is

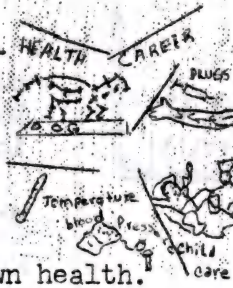
Health Career Club members got to see the real thing last Friday when they visited the Health Career Fair at Eastwood Mall in Birmingham. Exhibits including giving shots, administering artificial respiration, and reading temperature and blood pressure were designed to interest people in pursuing health careers and to encourage people to take care of their own health.

Several MHSers took advantage of the opportunity to get into the action. Marla Maines donated blood, while Vivian Bolling gave a shot to a life-like arm.

Loretta Fulgham, who had her blood pressure checked, expressed an interest in the function of the equipment as well as learning her own blood pressure count.

Sarah Campbell sums up the trip, "It gave me a clearer idea of what nursing will be like and showed me just how important high school training is in preparation for entering a school of nursing."

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony and club sponsor Jim Hermecz accompanied the students.



In Siluria, Nov. 10-11

Rodeo Benefits County Bands

November 5-11 has been declared Shelby County Band Week. To celebrate the occasion, Shelby County Band Boosters will sponsor a rodeo produced by Wayne Hill Rodeo Association of Cordova.

A parade in the morning of Nov. 10 kicks off the two-day event to be held at the Dixie Youth ballfield in Siluria. Proceeds will be divided among the county's bands. Band Booster president Sherman Holland suggested the idea.

Advance student tickets are \$1.50; adult, \$2.50. Tickets bought at the gate cost 50¢ more. Advance tickets carry a chance to win a steer.

Performances begin at 8:00 a. m. on Nov. 10 and at 2 p. m. on Nov. 11.

Biologists Choose Sharon Spruel Leader

"The Biology Club is an organization for students with an earnest interest in living things," explains sponsor Joanna McGaughy as the group met Oct. 23 to name leaders.

President is Sharon Spruel, with Earlene Tolbert serving as vice president. Sonjia Belisle is secretary; and Pam Pendleton, treasurer.

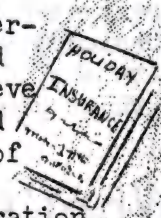
Interact Helps Two Ways at Once

Thirteen Interact members, led by president Steve Fancher, offered treats instead of tricks as their Halloween celebration.

At their Oct. 19 meeting the group began selling Halloween insurance to possible victims of pranksters.

According to Steve, the group had sold approximately \$50 worth of insurance as of Oct. 24. Steve comments, "The money we earn will help us in the sponsorship of a child in Chile."

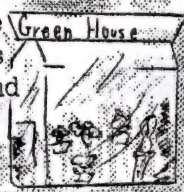
Kim Hollon is Interact veep; Suzy Hernandez is secretary-treasurer.



Environment

Furnishes Lesson

Eighth grade science classes got a first-hand look at their environment through their recent study of soil.



The students tested the earth for acidity and visited the U of M greenhouse last week.

Mrs. Joan Jones, teacher, explains, "The classes worked in groups and concentrated on studies of soil erosion."

Skills Are Needed

Mrs. Lena Jeter, secretary to U of M Dean, John Walters, stressed the importance of mastering the skills in secretarial work when she spoke to Future Secretaries Oct. 23.

Sarah Gilmore, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Jeter to the club.

Places in Homecoming Court--

Attendants Claim Big Surprise

Happy, proud, surprised sums up the feelings of members of the Homecoming Court when told of their selection.

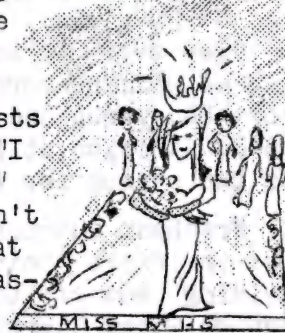
Senior Iris Chappell, whose interests are in cooking and sewing comments, "I am happy to be a member of the court."

Junior Suzy Hernandez says, "I didn't think I'd be picked, but I'm happy that I was." Suzy, Interact secretary-treasurer, claims sewing as a hobby.

"I am proud my classmates saw fit to choose me as attendant," smiles sophomore Patricia Tolbert. A varsity cheerleader, Patricia enjoys tumbling and gymnastics.

Also supporting school spirit, freshman Paula Guthrie has served on the junior cheering squad for two years. "Surprised? I nearly fainted," laughs Paula.

A junior cheerleader also, Leslie Davis was "Surprised and happy to be elected 8th grade attendant." Leslie is a Student Council representative.



How Adorable The King Looks

Just imagine... if there were a homecoming king!

There would still be all the fancy frills the girls have.

The king and male court might sit atop a 1974 Mack truck, wearing the latest tailormade clothes, showing colors chosen with exquisite male taste: orange, bright red, blue and white.

This court would exemplify the way the world ought to be...with men as kings! Imagine... a homecoming KING!

(Greg Merijanlian)



Spirit Week's Activity Boosts Homecoming

SPRIT WEEK preceded homecoming this year, with special activities planned for each day.

MONDAY was Color Day. Everyone dressed in school colors, orange and blue.

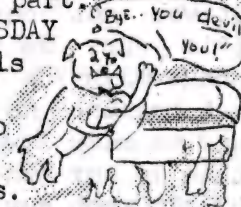
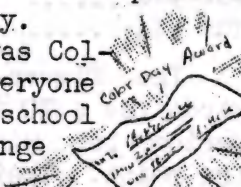
Cheerleaders awarded \$2 prizes to Vivian Bolling, Barry Kornegay, Rusty Morris, and Mary Sherrer for the most original outfits.

TIME DATED BACK to the '50's Tuesday with students wearing long skirts, bobby socks, and loafers to look the part.

ON WEDNESDAY funeral bells tolled, but there was no sadness for the Bulldogs.

Rites, held in assembly, were for the Red Devils of Maplesville. Student Council members produced the skit.

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LOCKER LAUGHS



The queen is ready
With her crown.
We'll turn Red Devils
Upside down.
Tonight will bring
Alumni, friends
To welcome with
Our brightest grins.

Band director Jim Weese calmly announced to the band that he was changing the show for the Troy contest. He quipped, "We will now go out on the field, form a large fish, and play scales."

Coach Gary Fleming's English class was disrupted when Coach Richard Gillingham, while looking over the files, knocked down some charts.

Mr. Fleming, while jokingly chiding Coach Gillingham for upsetting his class, was embarrassed when he knocked over a globe.

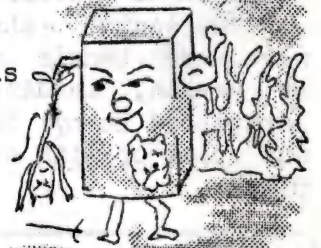
He rallied with, "Well, now I've upset the whole world."

Discussion between seniors Dorothy Johnson and Jean Woodall turned to UFO's and space creatures.

After a rather hot debate, Dorothy persistently asked, "But, Jean, what makes you so sure space creatures exist?"

Jean ended the conversation comically by replying, "I wouldn't normally believe in them; but, Dot, you are living proof they exist."

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Pupil Wins—

Calera Races To 26-0 Win

Student defeated teacher here Oct. 19 as Coach Rick Cairns' Calera Eagles blanked the Bulldogs 26-0.

Cairns was a student under Coach Richard Gilliam at Calera High, and later served on the coaching staff with Mr. Gilliam.

Hundley Scores 2

Scoring touchdowns for the Eagles were Obie Hundley (2), Ed Melton, and Kenny Dale Cost. Bobby Blankenship ran a two-pointer.

Coach Gilliam praised the Bulldogs for "trying till the final buzzer."

Nelson Catches 3

He commented, "Recardi Nelson made three real fine pass receptions and Thomas Brown showed a lot of poise at quarterback."

"Defensive standouts were Wade Dennis and Harry Martin, leading tacklers; and Bobby Sherrer, who came up with some big plays."

Gains 184 Yds.; Scores Twice—

Moore Leads 'Dogs by Blocton

"How sweet it is," exclaimed Bulldog coach Gary Fleming as Willie Moore ran through West Blocton's defense for 184 yards and two touchdowns to give Montevallo a 16-14 decision at Blocton Oct. 26. It was the first win of the season for the Bulldogs.

Freshman quarterback Thomas Brown threw two passes for the extra points that spelled victory. On the receiving end of the aeriels were freshman Tim Ross and junior Bobby Sherrer.

Moore Averages 11 Yards

Moore's running averaged 11 yards per carry. His first TD romp came the first time Montevallo got possession and covered 56 yards.

Then in the second quarter, with the Bulldogs leading 8-6, Doc turned the corner on fourth down and sprinted 26 yards into the end zone. Brown's pass to Sherrer was good--and that gave the Bulldogs a victory.

3 Wins; 3 Losses--

Statistics

JV Breaks Even

The junior football varsity is batting an even 500 after losing to Thompson 28-0, Oct. 23.

Lddie Harris led the winning Warriors, scoring three TD's, while Tim Derret supplied the other.

Dennis Brown and Maurice Reed sparked MHS's defense.

	MHS	WBHS
1st downs.....	15	16
Yds rush.....	203	227
Yds pass.....	60	52
Passes.....	7-15	2-6-1
Tot yds.....	263	279
Yds pen.....	25	44

The Tigers drove 87 yards for a TD in the first period but missed the extra point. Their second tally came just before half time and covered 61 yards.

Blake Scores All

Bill Blake did all the scoring for Blocton, including the two-point conversion.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Even though we won, it was not our best game this year. We got whipped about 60 or 70% of the time, but because no one let up and we made fewer mistakes than in any other game, the breaks went our way."

"I'm happy for our men," Coach adds, "because they deserved to win three other games earlier this year and didn't get the breaks."

Around the County--

Chelsea Loses Ground in State

Chelsea, though undefeated, dropped from 4th to 6th place in state rankings last week.

Four county teams will play home games tonight.

Tonight's Schedule

Verbena hosts Chelsea
Blocton at Shelby County
Jemison at Vincent
Maplesville at Montevallo
Thompson at Pell City
Catholic High of Montgomery at Calera



Game Scores

Oct. 19

Thompson 30; Hewitt 20
Chelsea 22; White Plains 6
Shelby Co. 27; Vincent 0
Calera 26; MHS 0

Oct. 26

MHS 16; West Blocton 14
Vincent 7; Greensboro 7
Shelby 12; Jemison 7
Thompson 16; Comer 8
Calera 22; Maplesville 6
Chelsea (Open date)

Against Maplesville--

5 End Bulldog Careers

Five seniors will be doing their thing on the football field tonight for the last time as Montevallo Bulldogs.

Serving as captains when MHS takes the field against Maplesville in the homecoming match are 12th graders Wade Dennis, Herman Fochtmann, Roy Lucas, Harry Martin and Willie Moore.

Coach Praises

"This group has been the backbone of our team this season," claims Coach Richard Gilliam, who has praise for all five seniors.

Here are Coach's comments:

Wade Dennis

Wade has demonstrated an unselfish attitude, subordinating his own desires to play a particular position in order to help the team at another. A starting tackle, he has had several big pass receptions at strong end.

"He has played tackle, end, and line-backer on defense. He does an excellent job wherever we play him."

Herman Fochtmann

"When Herman is at his best, he is the best. He is a tough, strong, aggressive (Cont'd p. 8)



CROWNING CAPTAINS

Queen Judy Darden shares homecoming crown with senior football captains (Front) Roy Lucas, Willie Moore. (Back) Harry Martin, Herman Fochtmann. Also captain (not pictured) is Wade Dennis.

Basketball Begins

The round ball rolls next week as Coach Gary Fleming starts working with the basketball team which defends county, conference, area, and region titles.

With only two weeks practice, the Bulldogs open the season playing Thompson in an exhibition game at U of M's Classic on Nov. 17.

Following this, the Bulldogs take part in Thompson's Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 21-24 as defending champs.

The first regular season game is Nov. 30 with St. Jude in Montgomery.

In District Volleyball--

MHSers Win First Round

The volleyball team marked up a 15-13 victory over Shades Valley in the first round of the District Volleyball Tournament at Fair Park Oct. 25.

Lead out players Deborah Hudson, Veronica Rutledge, Sarah Jemison, Virginia Morris, Vivian Bolling, and Jessie Chism pushed hard for a second win but lost out to a stronger Greensboro East team 15-11.

Lamar and Homewood, tournament winners, go to State at U of M.



VICTORY BRINGS SMILES

Volleyball team poses after downing Shades Valley. (Front) Jessie Mae Chism, Daisy Stallworth, Veronica Rutledge, Christine Vassar, Sarah Jemison. (Back) Marla Moines, Virginia Morris, Cheryl Staffney, Shirlye Conwell, Vivian Bolling, and Deborah Hudson

5 Seniors Bow out Tonight--(Cont'd)

tackler and blocker. If he had 20 more pounds and could learn to control his moods of depression, he would be a definite college prospect. He, in combination with Wade Dennis, has provided the blocking for most of our tough yardage situations.

Roy Lucas, Swing Man

Roy Lucas was our swing man in the backfield. He started at wing back but was used to relieve at tailback and fullback. Though small, Roy had excellent quickness and did a fine job at defensive halfback. His injury came just when he was stepping forward as a leader at a time when we badly needed senior leadership.

Harry Martin, Most Complete

Harry Martin, our strongest blocking back and most consistent runner, is probably our most complete ball player. Much of his yardage this season has come on second and third effort. Mentally tough, he has the ability to give his best even when hurting. I have as much confidence in him as a safety man as any player I have ever coached.

Willie Moore, Fine Example

Willie Moore has the least experience but the most raw talent of all our seniors. His breakaway speed has provided the spark for our offense in several games.

Willie is an unselfish and excellent blocker. Defensively he has been our leading big play man. Despite his quiet manner, Willie is a fine leader by example.

Juniors Order Rings

In a few months juniors will receive lasting mementos of their high school days. Sixty-two students met in the auditorium Tuesday with Josten's representative, Mr. Bert Jones, to order class rings.

Juniors chose from the traditional round stone and a new rectangular stone.

Sonjia Belisle and Anne Johnson ordered smallest rings (size 5), while Rick Shepperd called for one more than twice that size, a 13.

Quit, Marry. Graduate Early--

What Happens as Students Age?

MHS is in the midst of a big quandry termed "The Case of the Disappearing Class." Sounds a bit mysterious? Well, for you mystery lovers, it won't take a Perry Mason to solve the case. That class is the present senior group at MHS. The class, which had 95 members as freshmen, has now dwindled to 60. So, what has happened?

A SPOTLIGHT survey shows that nine quit school, eight got married, seven graduated early, seven now attend Shelby Academy, two moved from the area, and one went into Service.

One is deceased.

(John Tishler)

Student Teaches

Mr. Mike Stonecypher, U of M student teacher, will work in 8th grade English with Mrs. Maenolia McGraw until Christmas holidays.

Mr. Stonecypher was inadvertently omitted from student teachers listed in SPOTLIGHT Oct. 19.

At Fiesta--

Spanish Club Has Initiation

"La Fiesta de Espanol era muy bien," (The Spanish party was very good) said Spanish Club members Oct. 25 after their fiesta in the rec room of the gym.

The party included initiations such as singing and doing Mexican dances by first-year Spanish students, "partaking" of raw oysters, and playing ping-pong matches.

Refreshments were cokes, dips, potato chips, and cookies.

First-year student John Tishler commented, "It was an exciting evening."

Spirit Week--(Cont'd)

Things were rather quiet Thursday; that was SILENT-DAY. No one spoke unless called on by a teacher.

The proper greeting for the day today is "Go, Bulldogs" as GO, BULLDOGS DAY winds up Spirit Week.

Prizes will be awarded to the first three people to say, "Go, Bulldogs," to anonymous students.

SC co-president Beverly Brazzell says, "I think the activity has really done a lot toward promoting homecoming spirit."

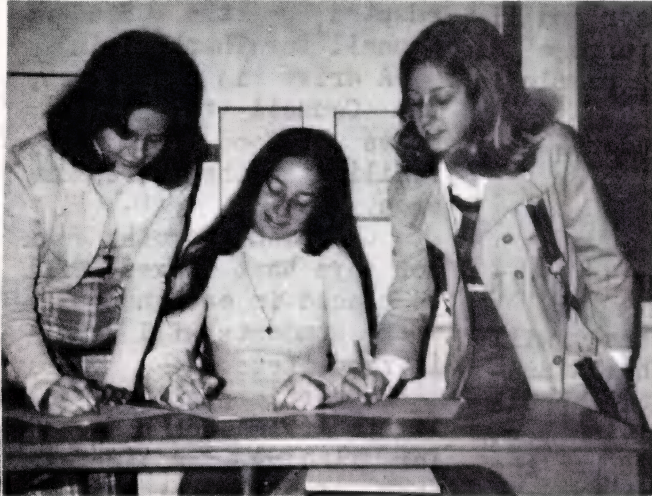


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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Lori Merijanian (l to r), Becky Hood, and Randie Sears fill out forms for membership in Outstanding Students Society



Happy
Holidays

Thanksgiving Starts At 2:50, Nov. 21

Turkey feathers fly as Thanksgiving holidays draw near for MHSers. The holidays officially begin with the dismissal of school at 2:50 on Nov. 21.

School will not be in session on Nov. 22 or 23 so that students may celebrate this national holiday with feasting and family gatherings.

With the re-opening of school on Nov. 26, students will be looking toward Christmas holidays, Dec. 22-Jan. 6.

As Outstanding Students—

3 Seniors Honored

Seniors Becky Hood, Lori Merijanian, and Randie Sears have been named to the Society of Outstanding American High School Students on the basis of academic achievements. The girls have upheld a 90 average for three years.

Becky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard G. Hood, serves as Honor Society president and yearbook editor. Lori, Student Council treasurer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aris Merijanian.

Co-president of Student Council Randie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sears, sums up the feelings of all three with, "I was surprised and proud to be named for the honor."

The society, headed by Mr. E. Vinson Givens, will grant over \$1 million in scholarships to 1973-74 society members.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony received a Certificate of Appreciation from the society for her participation in selecting seniors for the honor.

Reports Are Due

Thanksgiving may not be such a happy holiday for some MHSers.

Report cards for the second six weeks will be distributed Nov. 21. Students will return to homerooms at 2:45 to receive the cards.

Band Adds to Laurels

The Marching Troubadours, just back from Troy competition with a superior rating, put together an "instant replay" at Tarrant Marching Festival Nov. 3 by achieving a No. 1 rating for the second consecutive year.

Graded on marching, playing, and general effects, the band received two superiors, and one excellent from a panel of three judges. Drum major Jon Goad, majorettes, and flag corps were rated excellent.

Of the 15 bands in Class C competition with the Troubadours, six made superiors. Band director Jim Weese comments on the close of the marching season, "I'm glad our last performance of the year was one of our best, leading to a superior."

Live! Read! --

Thankful Giving--

Library Club Promotes Reading

Library Club members urge MHSers to "Live! Read!" as they promote Book Week, which uses this slogan as its theme in a national celebration this week.

The club, which consists of 16 ninth grade girls, made and carried out plans to observe the 54th national celebration of Book Week, Nov. 12-18. Sponsor and librarian, Mrs. Anne Milford, states, "The purpose of Book Week is to promote the interest of young people in reading good books."

"So far this year," Mrs. Milford adds, "students have checked out over 1342 books from our library."

Student teacher Mr. Don Benton took photos of club members and library assistants at work in the library. The pictures were used for a display on the bulletin board near the office.

Club officers are president, Sonjia Bell; vice president, Cheryle Lilly; and secretary, Marcia McNeel.

Betty Crocker Tests For Best Family Leader

Senior girls will take the Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living Test Dec. 4 at 9:00 a.m. in Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony's room.

The test will be given nationwide. School winners receive specially designed Betty Crocker "Family Leaders of Tomorrow" awards and are also in line for scholarships.

Test questions concern making judgments, being a good homemaker, and taking a place in society.

MHS's winner last year was Janice Seaman.

Mrs. Anthony states, "Students in the past have found the test stimulating."

Town Unites in Thanks

Local citizens will gather to give thanks Sunday, Nov. 18, at the annual Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at the University Baptist Church.

All denominations are invited to join in the 7:00 o'clock evening worship service.

The Reverend William T. Evans, pastor at Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon, and the Baptist Student Union choir will sing.

SC Sponsors Food Drive

"Giving is better than receiving" is the motto adopted by the Student Council for Thanksgiving.

A drive is underway by the Council to collect boxes of food for needy families in the surrounding area.

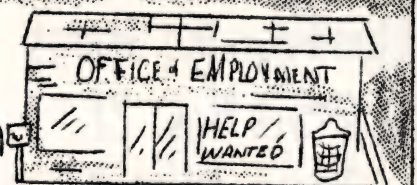
Chairman Dorothy Johnson says that boxes will be placed in each homeroom where students will deposit food items.

Suggestions will be solicited from each homeroom for finding families in need of food for the holidays. The boxes will be delivered the day before Thanksgiving.

Council sponsor Dan Martin comments, "Our sincere hope is that at this time of giving thanks for what we have, all will care enough to give something to those less fortunate."

It's News Downtown--

Industry Studies Montevallo Area

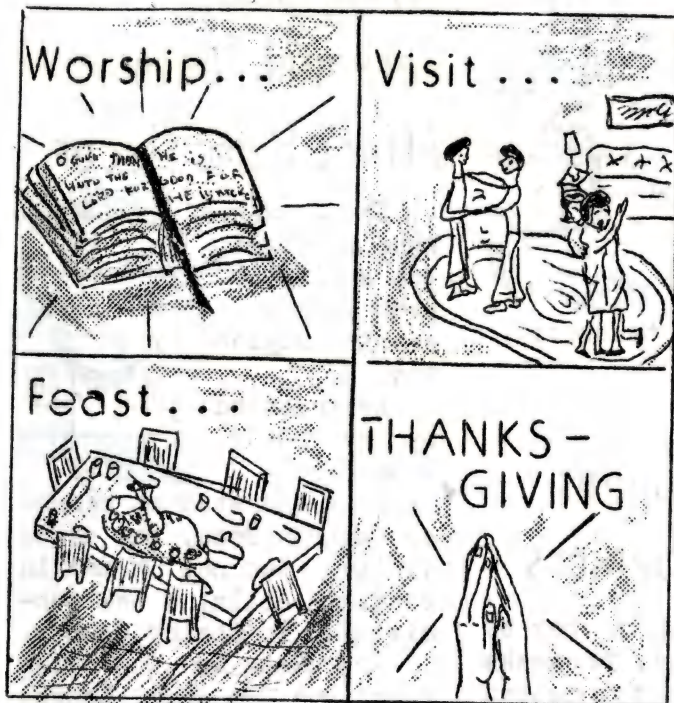


A labor survey to determine types of labor available in Montevallo will be conducted Dec. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Results of the survey will be used in the decision as to whether or not Vanity Fair, a nationally known industry will be established in the Shelby, Bibb, and Chilton County area.

Montevallo Methodist Church is remodeling Sunday School rooms, kitchen, library, pastor's study, and the social hall. The basement has been completely torn out. Construction should be concluded by Dec. 15.

Gov. Albert Brewer will speak at the University Baptist Church Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. He will be replacing Rev. George Steincross during the regular service.

EDITORIALS . . .



Thanksgiving. Why?

Getting together with relatives and friends is a Thanksgiving ritual that often gets lost in the competition to see who can eat the most turkey.

We are familiar with the phrase, "Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks." This is true, but what would it be worth without our loved ones around us when we return thanks.

Thanksgiving, honored by nearly all people in the USA, is a day to gather together and express love and gratitude. It should be a holiday which is used for placing emphasis on home and family.

Follow the Golden Rule

Words of wisdom in the lunchroom have offered guidance to MHSers for 16 years.

Mrs. Frances Alexander, lunchroom worker, purchased a plaque inscribed with the Golden Rule in 1957 from a small girl selling them for 25¢ to benefit her church.

Mrs. Alexander says she placed the plaque above the serving line in hopes that students would "read and heed."

Although faded in color, the words are still plain and meaningful.

School Says, 'Thanks'

It took more than a team for the success of the spirited football season. The student body is to be commended for making posters, cheering, and attending games. Thanks go to the Student Council and faculty for successfully organizing and carrying out homecoming activities.

High praises must also go to many people off campus who involved themselves in supporting MHS. All of these could not be singled out, but here are some of them.

Smitherman's Pharmacy furnished miniature footballs thrown at games. Mr. Bob Lightfoot, U of M professor, contributed his time to announce the games. Mrs. Sara Morris and Rev. George Steincross helped by driving busloads of fans to out-of-town games.

Numbers of townspeople joined car caravans to follow the Bulldogs, and Boosters treated the team to pre-game meals. Others sold tickets, did police duty, and performed various other services. From MHS to all supporters, a big THANK YOU. It's nice to know you're behind us.

Everyone Must Help

President Nixon's plans to conserve energy during the nation's fuel crisis affects all of us. Avoid driving unless it is absolutely necessary, then don't drive over 50 mph. Cut out lights you don't need and lower the thermostat.

Termination of this crisis depends on the cooperation of everyone.

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All-American

Classroom Moved to Theater

English classes visited 16th Century Verona Monday. Students from grades 9-12 boarded buses at 8:30 and traveled to the Falcon Theater for a special showing of Romeo and Juliet.

Classes were accompanied by English teachers Mrs. Frances Anthony, Mr. Gary Fleming, Mr. Dan Martin, Mrs. Ann Parker, and Mrs. Linda Sproul with their student teachers.

Senior English teacher Ann Parker comments, "The movie was well done and very touching. Many students expressed the desire to see it again."



University Opens Library to Seniors

Seniors hold a key to higher knowledge. Two weeks ago the students passed qualifications for obtaining cards from U of M's library.

Following librarian Mary Frances Tipton's lecture concerning the card index and periodical reading guides, seniors took a test on information presented.

Miss Tipton commented, "The seniors did very well with the orientation. As a rule, MHS seniors score higher on the test than our college freshmen."

Pam Pendleton

Snaps for 'Montala'

Things will be flashing due to MONTALA's addition of Pam Pendleton as photographer.

Having recently purchased a camera, Pam volunteered to snap shots for the school yearbook. She says she offered her services as photographer because of an interest in the school and its activities.

Pam comments, "I'm proud of my camera because I paid for it myself, and I'll get to work with the yearbook without yet being a member of Honor Society."

Pictures Made

MHSers have been framed for the '74 MONTALA. Students in grades 8-12 posed for school pictures Nov. 7.

Picture making began Oct. 10 for seniors. On Oct. 13 this group selected proofs and made deposits on portraits.

Waldrup Studio made the shots and promises to have pictures back by Dec. 21.

Living Style, Personal Taste Affect Home Decor

The advanced home ec class got a first-hand look at housing styles Nov. 8.

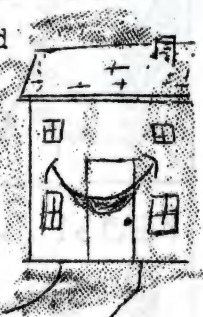
Accompanied by instructor Rose Ellen

Hankins and student teacher Cathryn Bean, the class visited two new homes in Woodland Hills, a new subdivision in Shelby County.

Mrs. Hankins and Miss Bean, who are team teaching, explain, "We wanted the girls to recognize the differences in personal taste and styles of family living."

Students were asked to observe the actual use of furniture styles studied in class and to evaluate the overall floor plan for traffic flow.

Mrs. Hankins and Miss Bean pointed out principles of design and elements of art employed in the homes visited.



Band Entertains at Fall Festival

The Marching Troubadours turned to the finer points of life by playing at a Veterans Day celebration and Fall Festival at Montevallo Middle School Nov. 9. Before a full house, the band performed at 9:15 in the gym, entertaining with the patriotic numbers The Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful.

Billy Moss and Cissie Winslett were crowned King and Queen of the Fall Festival as the band played Pomp and Circumstance.

On Saturday the Troubadours participated in a parade which highlighted festivities ending Shelby County Band Week. Activities of this week included a rodeo at the Alabaster Little League Field on Saturday and Sunday.



Kentucky Family Seeks Help

As families gather around their abundant tables at Thanksgiving time, many forget that there are needy people all around us.

Recently, a letter reached MHS from a young girl, Melissa Hubbard, who sent out a heartfelt plea for help. Melissa writes, "I am writing to see if you all would exchange old used clothes and shoes,

etc., for greens such as mistletoe, holly, and ferns, and walnuts, that we can gather from the hills..."

This letter has touched the hearts of several students and teachers. Anyone interested in the joy of giving may send shoes, warm clothing, toys, and bed linens to:

Melissa Hubbard
P. O. Box 23
Asher, KY 40803

HOLIDAY ADDED

A special county teachers meeting called for Dec. 6 gives students a half-day holiday. School will be dismissed after 3rd period.

Is the Turkey Loser, Winner?

Thanksgiving???

is, according to senior Annie Mae Jones, "...still a very sacred holiday."

But some things are changing to suit the times.

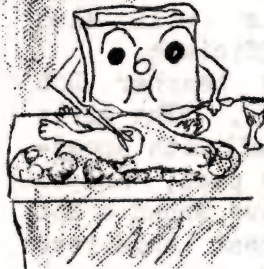
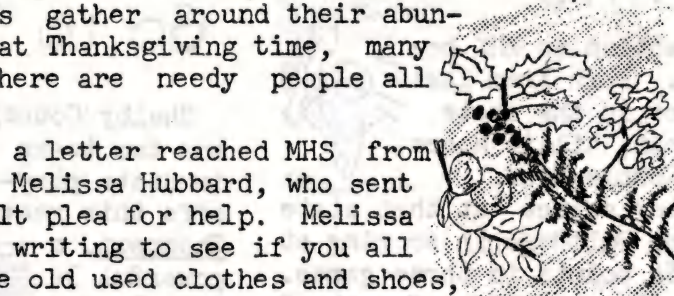
Many MHSers break tradition and express preference for something less expensive than the "old menu." Tom Turkey seems to be losing ground.

Junior Anne Johnson says, "I'd rather have ham and save turkey for Christmas."

"The ideal dish for Thanksgiving," claims senior Dane Lawley, "is deer--if you can find it."

Junior Earlene Tolbert's family broke ties long ago and she explains, "We prefer chicken any time."

Students feel that as times change and prices rise, adjustments must be made--unless, of course, you own a turkey farm.



LOCKER LAUGHS

Turkey time is Drawing near. Christmas, too, Will soon be here. But while you wait For the fun, Share with us Your joke or pun.



Coach Gary Fleming's English class was discussing parts of speech. To help explain, Coach gave Sophia Cathey the sample sentence, "If I hit your back, what would you do?"

Henry White quickly responded, "Cave in!"

In a discussion about where SPOTLIGHT editor Pam Steele lives Mrs. Linda Sproul asked, "Who owns that chicken house next to you?" Pam punningly answered, "The Byrds."

There's a Thorn With Every Rose

Why do report cards have to come out so close to the Thanksgiving holidays?

Thanksgiving should be a time of joy and a time of giving thanks. But who can act joyful and give thanks for four F's and a D?

I can see the handwriting on the wall. I may be able to hide it for a few days, but then it will come out; and oh-oh!

Maybe I'll just not eat for five days; Who can? (The Alka-Seltzer I buy won't be for having stomach-ached too much turkey!)

Well, consolation is in sight; the next six weeks ends after Christmas.

The Health Career Fair had its light side, too.

Examining some of the exhibits, Vivian Bolling spied an exhibit of a huge cow stomach and asked, "Why is it so big? Was she expecting?"

The nurse in charge smilingly replied, "No, he wasn't pregnant."

Sophomore Shirlye Cunningham also got in on the laughs. When her temperature registered sub-normal, she "alarmed" the crowd by shouting, "I'm dying."

Six Lettermen Back as--

Basketball Hits MHS

Six lettermen returned for action as MHS began basketball practice Nov. 5. Back from last year's team that won third place in the state are Percy Brown, Erwin Cottingham, Willie Moore, Recardi Nelson, and Eddie and Ronnie Tyus.

"We're shooting for another chance at that state title," says Recardi who led the Bulldogs in scoring at the State Meet last year with 54 points in three games.

"We had 19 boys out for varsity and 32 out for the B team. I had a hard time narrowing the team to 12," says Coach Gary Fleming as he takes over MHS basketball for his first year.

Clanton Tomorrow

Due to involvement in State football playoffs, Thompson declined the invitation to play MHS in the U of M Classic tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Clanton will be the Bulldogs' opponent.

Football also caused the Warriors to move their invitational tournament from Nov. 21-24 to Dec. 19-21.

With the possible addition of a game next week, here's the MHS schedule:

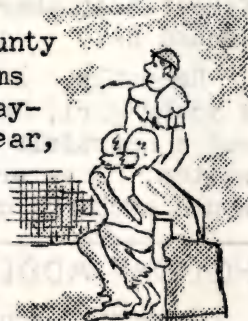
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29	St. Jude	T
Dec. 4	Ind.Spr.(1:30)	H
6	Clanton	T
10	W. Blocton ...	H
Dec. 12-15	Mid-State Meet	
	at Columbiana	
19-21	..Thompson Meet	
Jan. 11	Tanner	T
12	E. Limestone..	T
15	Vincent	T
18	St. Jude	H
22	Shelby County.	H
Jan. 23-25	County Tourna-	
	ment at U of M	
29	Gardendale....	T
Feb. 1	W. Blocton ...	T
7	Thompson	H
8	Dallas Co. (1:00)	T
11	Jemison	T
15	Vincent	H
18	Shelby County.	T
19	Dallas Co. ...	H
22	Indian Spr. ...	T
Feb. 26-Mar. 2	.. Area and	
	Region Tournaments	



In Football Playoffs--

2 County Teams Go to State

Shelby County has two teams in State playoffs this year, Thompson, a powerful 3A school, and Chelsea, classed 1A.



Both teams go into the first round of competition with near-perfect records. Thompson, 9-1 and No. 5 in the State, lost only to No. 1 ranked John Carroll of Birmingham.

Chelsea, No. 4 in State 1A ranking, has gone undefeated for the past two seasons of regular play.

Both teams are set to play teams from South Alabama tonight.

Thompson travels to Andalusia, while Houston Academy from Dothan comes to Chelsea.

County records show:

Chelsea	10- 0
Thompson	9- 1
Calera	9- 1
Shelby Co.	6- 4
Vincent	2- 6-2
Montevallo	2- 7-1

Girls Learn Basics, Officiate Speedball

Girls phys ed classes began speedball last week by working on drills which include dribbling and kicking the ball five different ways, marking and tackling the opponent, and the art of lifting the ball.

The girls will also learn to officiate.

Phys ed teacher Dot Bishop says, "The girls have done well with speedball in the past, and so far they have shown a lot more interest this year than last."

Track. Try It. You'll Like It!

Track and field will soon begin at MHS. Having taken part in this event in past years, I want to encourage others to give it a try this year. Although there is hard work involved, the results are worth it.

If you tried once and did not make the team, this should only make you want to try again to prove to yourself you can do it. I tried two years before I finally made the team last year, but each time I lost out only made me try harder the next season.

There's great satisfaction in gaining success for yourself while doing something for the school. I urge you to think about it and participate in track.

...Vivian Bolling



HOMECOMING CAKE

Senior gridsters pose with Boosters' cake. Left to right they are Roy Lucas, Wade Dennis, Harry Martin, Willie Moore, and Herman Fochtmann

MHS 36-Maplesville 30 --

Bulldogs Shine for Alumni

Maplesville's Red Devils scored first and last but not most in an unsuccessful attempt to spoil homecoming for the Bulldogs Nov. 2. Montevallo, led by senior Willie Moore and freshman Tim Ross, rolled up enough points in between the first and last touchdowns to win 36-30. Moore scored two touchdowns while picking up 113 yards rushing; Ross scored once and ran for 115 yards.

Not as Close as It Seems

The game wasn't as close as the score indicates, as the Bulldogs were ahead 28-8 in the third quarter, at which point Coach Richard Gilliam emptied the bench, letting every man suited up play, including six eighth graders.

Coach Gilliam comments, "Until I took the momentum away by substituting too freely too early, we played almost perfectly on offense as a team and had a good defensive effort."

Blocking Excellent

"We had excellent blocking by Bobby Sherrer, Re-cardi Nelson, Wade Dennis, Herman Fochtmann, Gilbert Barkley, and Tommy Shaw. Showing great second effort running were Moore, Ross, and Sherrer," Coach adds.

"Thomas Brown passed well, with Nelson the outstanding receiver. Defensively Dennis, Moore, Nelson, and Fochtmann were leaders, with Ross, Terry McCary, Sherrer, and Brown being the big-play men."

Statistics

M'vallo		M'ville
16	1st downs	13
242	Yds rush	174
104	Yds pass	129
5-9	Passes	6-13
20	Yds pen	45

The win allowed the Bulldogs to finish the season with a 2-7-1 record, having defeated West Blocton the previous week and tying Vincent in the opening game.

SPORTS

Supper Becomes 'Surprise'

The Bulldogs had their cake and ate it, too, as the final pre-game meal turned into a homecoming party with cake and all its trimmings Nov. 2.

The party was prepared by the Bulldog Boosters Auxiliary, headed by co-presidents Sue Winslett and Jane Jones. Mrs. Winslett, who baked the cake, says, "The boys are special to us and we felt they deserved something a little special."

"All the players, Coach Fleming, and I would like to thank these Boosters. They put a lot of time and work into furnishing and preparing the meals," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

Co-president Jane Jones answers with, "It has been a pleasure to feed the boys their pre-game meal. We feel this is only a small token of appreciation for their many hours of hard work."

Agreeing, Mrs. Winalett adds, "We're looking forward to basketball, now."

6th Period Wins Volleyball Tourney

"Competition was tough throughout the playoffs," comments PE instructor Dot Bishop as the 6th period class won the girls volleyball tournament held Oct. 30-Nov. 7.

After all classes were eliminated but the 4th and 6th periods, the 6th period team took the final match 15-13. Members of the winning team are Delores Alexander, Deborah Hudson, Cathy Vones, Donna Lilly, and Sheila Robinson.

In Rodeo Parade---

Homecoming Queen Rides Again

The homecoming queen and her court did not terminate royal duties with the end of homecoming. These girls participated in the Shelby County Band Boosters Rodeo Parade Nov. 10.

Queen Judy Darden and attendants Iris Chappell, Suzy Hernandez, Tricia Tolbert, Paula Guthrie, and Leslie Davis rode in convertibles through Alabaster representing Montevallo High School, along with the Marching Troubadours, in the parade that preceded the Band Boosters Rodeo.

Also in the parade were bands from Calera and Thompson, homecoming queen and court from Calera, and riders from the Wayne Hill Rodeo Association.

Two performances of the rodeo were held at Alabaster Little League Park, netting \$7000 to be divided among Calera, Montevallo, and Thompson High School bands.

Band director Jim Weese commented, "Our share will be about \$2000. Everyone worked very hard to make the rodeo a success."

Coordinating chairman was Mrs. Thomas Barrow, mother of MHS sophomore Angie Barrow and 8th grader Sherri.



Learn to Sew---

Home Ec Teachers Offer Adult Class

Now mother can get away from it all and come to school.

An adult class in the basics of sewing is being offered at MHS. Meetings for the six-weeks course which began last week are held from 6:30 to 9:30 on Tuesday nights in the home ec sewing lab.

Home ec teachers Rose Ellen Hankins and Junnie Craig direct the class.

Mrs. Craig says, "The 13 people who signed up are very interesting to work with. Mrs. Hankins and I are enjoying it."

SPOTLIGHT sponsor Linda Sproul, a class member, says she enrolled because she hopes "to learn something new as well as save money" on clothes she will make.



Legislator Reports

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony traveled to Samford University on Nov. 7 to be updated on Alabama Education Legislation.

Mr. Rick McBride, state legislator from Jefferson County gave the report, after which participants enjoyed a buffet dinner.

Homecoming Activities---

Victory Dance Ends Season

Homecoming, Nov. 2, was a success for students, faculty, and 48 returning alumni. The registration book showed 20 of the visiting alumni were 1973 graduates and five were 1972. These made up most of the list.

Mrs. Ann Parker's room served as an alumni refreshment and conversation area, complete with checked table cloths and candles. Coffee, cokes, doughnuts, and tidbits were served.

Culminating homecoming events was the dance in the auditorium which was decorated to emphasize the theme, Space Odyssey. The group, Aggregation, furnished music for happy students celebrating the football victory over Maplesville.

Mrs. Parker, decorations chairman, comments, "I think the dance was a success." "But," she laughingly adds, "that tunnel was too dark. Next year I'll bring a light!"

Homeless 3 Adopted

Thanks to kindness of MHSers three orphans now have homes and love.

Jon Goad, John Miller, and Stephen Fancher found three hungry, homeless kittens in a wood pile at Brown's Moulding Company Oct. 25.

The students brought the kittens to the bandroom, where they fed the babies and made them comfortable.

At the end of the day, Jon took charge of one of the orphans, while Stephen and John served as adoption agents in finding suitable homes for the other two.





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Wins DAR Award --

Bonnie Williams Is 'Good Citizen'

Senior Bonnie Williams was honored by Daughters of the American Revolution Nov. 19 when she received their Good Citizenship award. Bonnie was nominated by fellow classmates on the basis of service, patriotism, leadership, and dependability. Final selection for the honor was made by a faculty committee.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Williams of Wilton, Bonnie has served as an office worker for two years, is a member of Honor Society, and is business manager for MONTALA. She is currently president of Future Secretaries and a member of Health Careers Club.

Bonnie will attend a Christmas banquet hosted by DAR at which she will receive a pin designating her as Good Citizenship Girl of MHS.

"I was surprised that I was named, but I'm pleased to receive the honor," says Bonnie.

Vivian Bolling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guss Bolling, Sr., of Montevallo, was named as alternate for the honor.

Hang the Holly

Deck your doors with boughs of holly. FTA is sponsoring the Christmas Door Decoration Contest.

Classroom doors, decorated by Dec. 17, will be judged on originality and artistry on Dec. 19.

Cash prizes will go to the best traditional and best religious decoration.

Ridiculous to Sublime--

PTA Presents Variety Show

"Variety is the spice of life," and Montevallo PTA will attempt to prove it when it presents the variety show, "Hee-Haw." The production, scheduled for Dec. 11 in Palmer Hall, includes entertainment that ranges from the moving theme song of "Romeo and Juliet to country-style fiddling, and from rousing band music to cultural modern dance.

"Swing Yore Partner"

Mr. Calvin Hatcher (father of 10th grader Debbie) will play the fiddle while Wessley Hatcher calls for square

dancing done by Dr. and Mrs. Ward Tishler (parents of sophomore John and 8th grader Suzanne, Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Grant (sister and brother-in-law of freshman Alan Jones).

Singing

Barbershop harmony will be provided by a quartet consisting of Mr. Pete Guthrie (father of Karen, Lynn, Pam, and Paula), Dr. Leon Davis (father of Lynn and Leslie), Mr. Carl Edfeldt, and Mr. Leldon Rochester.

Mrs. Barbara Belisle,
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26 Make All-A Records; 8th Graders Lead in Scholarship

MHSers keep studying as the downhill lap of first semester begins. At the end of the second six-weeks, 26 students received all A's and 80 others earned grades of 80 or better. The homeroom with the best showing was Mrs. Joan Jones' group of 8th graders with over one-third of the class making all A's.

All A students are: 8th grade--Sandra Boothe, Leslie Davis, Barry Harper, Kim Jones, Barry Kornegay, Scott Kramer, John Merijanlian, Chuck Reynolds, Iris Smitherman, and Mike Winslett. Freshmen--Lynne Davis, Linda Rochester, Linda Sims, and Ricky Williams.

Sophomores--Susan Cupp, Nancy Nix, Noel Spicer, and John Tishler. Juniors--Jimmy Day, Becky Morris, and Mike Treglia. Seniors--Becky Hood, Debra Hudson, Debbie Payne, Donna Pickett, and Randie Sears.

Seniors Dine, Nome Elite

Seniors will dine in style Dec. 17 at a Who's Who banquet in Main Dining Hall at U of M at 6:30 p.m. The candidates for senior honors were nominated and voted on last week. Final results will be told at the banquet.

"This is the only specified event where seniors will be able to get together and enjoy each other," says class vice president Melody Putman. "Therefore, the occasion has been designated as a dressy one."

Senior officers chose a menu of roast beef, vegetable salad, fruit cup, tea, and dessert.

Each senior will pay \$2.75 per plate. Dates may be invited provided an extra \$2.75 is paid by Dec. 10.

"I'm looking forward to it and hope everybody will come," says Carol Evans.

Mr. Thornton Attends AVA

Agribusiness teacher M. Thornton attended the American Vocational Association meeting in Atlanta Dec. 1-4. He was one of over 8000 delegates from over the United States.

"Discussions and lectures on phases of career education were very interesting," says Mr. Thornton who feels that the meeting was "very successful."

Rise and Shine

Seniors who registered for the Dec. 8 ACT must be early risers tomorrow. The test begins at 8 o'clock at U of M's Harman Hall.

The next testing date is Feb. 23. Students must send in registration before Jan. 28 to be eligible for that one.

Variety Show-(Cont)

(mother of Billy and Sonjia), will sing "Love Theme from Romeo and Juliet."

Judy Nordan, a former MHSer, and Cathy Burroughs will perform a modern dance to Brian's song; and Dr. and Mrs. Mike Mahan will sing with the Middle School Chorus.

Admission prices are \$1 for adults; 50¢, children. Showtime is 7:30 pm. Door prizes of groceries and gasoline will be awarded.

It's News Downtown--

Christmas Will Still Be Bright

"Let there be lights," say officials at Montevallo City Hall.

City Hall worker Kenneth Bailey says, "The Christmas lights will be turned on as usual."

Along with lights, new lamp post decorations have been put up.

Montevallo Sports Wear shop has been on the move. Still on Main Street, the shop has moved from its old location next to Lovelady Furniture into the building formerly occupied by Sav-Mor Discount.

Tammy Harris Struts, Twirls To Four Trophies

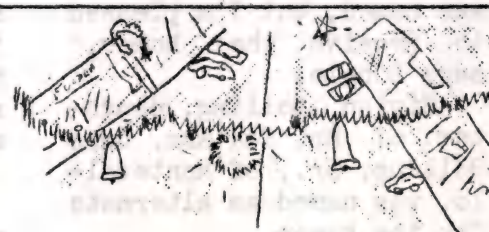
Tammy Harris, competing with over 200 majorettes, twirled her way to four awards at the Minnie Coggins Twirl-O-Rama, Nov. 23 at Calera.

She won fifth place in Miss Strut Queen, third in solo twirl, and second in military marching where she competed with a boy.

How was it, having male competition? "He didn't even place," smiles Tammy.

Tammy has been twirling for five years and has been a majorette for three. She says, "I enjoy twirling and love to compete."

At Troy tomorrow Tammy will compete again in basic march, military march, parade majorette, beauty, and basic twirling.



The U of M Falcons are off to a winning start as the roundballers have a 4-1 record thus far.

Scoring includes:

UM	Opp
56	Palm Beach, Atl. 54
55	B'ham Southern 60
120	Daniel Payne 86
66	Columbus College 55
89	Jacksonville St. 78

Montevallo Firestone is sponsoring a contest to see who can gain the most points by selling merchandise cards, redeemable at the store. A bedroom suite goes to the winner Dec. 22.

EDITORIALS . . .

It takes a lot of energy
to make the team
these days

TUSCALOOSA
60 Miles



UAB Offers 'Drug' Help

UAB based drug addiction program may be a help to MHSers or someone they know.

The program, designed to help get drug users on the right track, is open to people of all ages in Jefferson and adjacent counties. Services are given in strictest confidence, and minors can receive the treatment without having to tell their parents.

If you or anyone you know needs any kind of help in this area, you may dial 934-2118 for confidential help from the Drug Abuse Program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Borrow Books Properly

"Thou shalt not steal" is an age-old adage that still applies to sticky fingers of 1973.

The MHS library is equipped with many books to help students broaden knowledge and interest in reading. But a big problem is developing in this area. Some students forget or deliberately walk out with the books instead of going through the proper procedure of checking out at the desk.

One of the oldest books known to man, the Bible tells us that this practice is wrong. Take its advice when taking books from the library.

Gas Shortage Hits, School Travel Limited

The energy crisis hits closer home than many may think. A serious problem at MHS is a shortage of gas for school buses.

A new county ruling says one gallon of gas has to be bought for each five miles traveled by a school bus on trips other than their routes. This could hinder basketball travel and field trips.

On the positive side, City Clerk, Kenneth Bailey, assured the school of sufficient natural gas to comfortably heat the school unless there is a severely cold winter. However, Principal W. C. Corbett says, "The thermostat will be lowered from 73° to 68°."

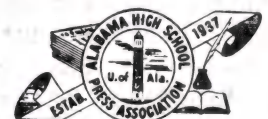
Attendance Helps Grades?

Is there a connection between attendance and good grades? In the case of Mrs. Joan Jones' 8th grade homeroom there seems to be. This class has been perfect in attendance since school began; and this past six weeks, over one-third of the group made all-A records.

Something new is taught every day. If you are absent, you miss out. It's just that simple.

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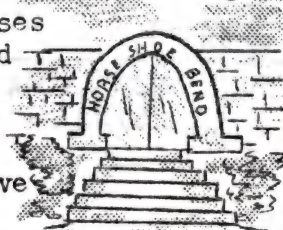
At Horseshoe Bend---

Club Studies State's Heritage

Know Alabama Club members loaded buses and traveled to historic Horseshoe Bend Nov. 19. The group was accompanied by sponsors Johnnie McClain and Lawrence McGraw.

"I feel that the trip was informative and provided the students a great appreciation of our Alabama heritage and some factors that have influenced the state's growth, development, and contribution to the nation," Mr. McGraw.

"Ninth grader Connie Lawrence states, "The long trip was very tiring, but I feel it was worth while because of all the Indian mounds and historical sites we saw."



Trombonists Attend Clinic At Vestavia

The band can look forward to a better trombone section next year as five of its trombone players took part in a clinic at Vestavia Hills High School Nov. 16.

Mr. Mac McCreedy of Atlanta and Mr. Wes Collins of Florida State University conducted the clinic.

Free lunches were provided for the trombonists as they worked from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ten high schools were represented.



Food, Barn Dancing, Rain Spell 'Party'

A little wet but not down were band students' spirits at the hot dog roast held at sophomore John Tishler's farm near Centreville on Nov. 15.

The group conserved energy by roasting their 'dogs over an open fire. Other goods on the menu were marshmallows, potato chips, candy, and cokes.

Recreation included music and dancing in the Tishler's barn and games and sports. Freshman Julie Walker comments, "Even though it rained, we had a good time."



FHAers Teach, Spread Happiness

Forty FHAers will be teaching, entertaining, and as their club's new theme states, "Spreading Happiness" Dec. 18 when they visit the Day Care Center in Almont.

Students will travel to the Center in private cars. FHA sponsors Rose Ellen Hankins and Junnie Craig will accompany them.

To Boys, Girls---

Fashion Expert Gives Clothing Tips

Home economics clothing construction classes received tips from a fashion pro Nov. 21.

Home ec teachers Rose Ellen Hankins and Junnie Craig hosted Miss Sara Everett, clothing fashion consultant and educational advisor for Rietta's Fabrics in Homewood.

"The classics and coordinates in clothing are back in style due to the cutback of the production of fabrics," Miss Everett told the students. "This," she said, "allows people to wear clothes for more than one season."

Miss Everett also spoke to the boys' family living class about men's clothing. "It is very in vogue to make men's clothing at home now," says the fashion consultant.

Chief Explains Fire Department

Boys in Mr. David Nichols' special ed class had a chance to get acquainted with Montevallo's Volunteer Fire Department on a field trip Nov. 20.

Dr. Mike Mahan, fire chief, showed the class how the fire truck is operated and where supplies are stored. He also told them about the size and location of the new fire department now being planned for Montevallo.

"We hope to come to MHS later in the year and demonstrate different types of fires and how to put them out," says Dr. Mahan.



To Eat Turkey--

MHSers Visit Faraway Places

People who stayed home to watch TV and stuff turkey on Thanksgiving missed a good time according to a few MHSers who visited far away places to celebrate.

Student teacher Gloria Neuffer comments on her Texas trip. "I had a good time and enjoyed seeing relatives in Dallas."

Sophomore Rusty Morris says, "I had an exciting time seeing the sites in Massachusetts."

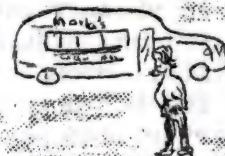
Others who went visiting are Kim Cole (New Jersey), Susan Cupp (Panama City), and Carol Clark (Pensacola).

A School Bus, That Is--

Marla Maines Wants to Drive

There appears to be at least one Women's Libber at MHS since Marla Maines attended bus school. However, Marla assures all, "Women's Lib had nothing to do with it."

In Jacksonville, Fla., where Marla will return after graduation, there are only women school bus drivers, according to Marla. Even though she will do only substitute driving here, Marla plans to drive regularly for one of the Jacksonville schools.



Do U O MHS?

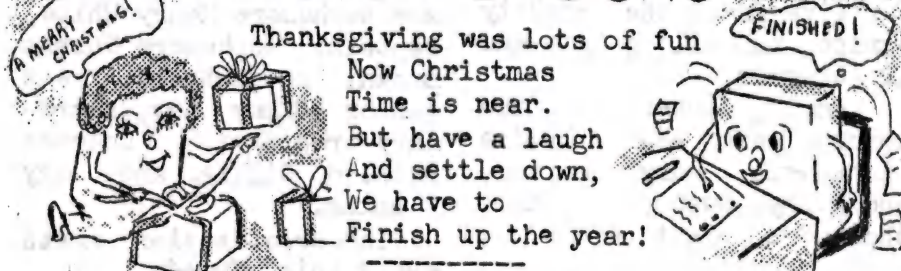
"You pay your bills so I can pay mine," says Mrs. Opal Long, the school's bookkeeper, as she reminds students to pay tuition.

According to Mrs. Long only about one half of the student body has taken care of this obligation.

"One of the main reasons I chose this job," Marla says, "is that I love children. Some people think driving a bus is fun and easy. They don't think about those 40 lives in their hands. The driver has a big responsibility watching the road and keeping the kids straight."

Out of approximately 50 people who attended the drivers' school in Columbia Nov. 12-16, there were only five girls.

LOCKER LAUGHS



Thanksgiving was lots of fun
Now Christmas
Time is near.
But have a laugh
And settle down,
We have to
Finish up the year!

Principal W. C. Corbett was pointing out the alarm bell system to some students. "If you push this button, you get the fire alarm," he commented.

Pointing to another button, sophomore Nicky Smith-erman asked, "What do I get if I push this one?"

"Suspended!" answered Rusty Morris quickly.

Seniors were talking about Christopher Marlowe's writings when Stephen Fancher pointed out that he had a very short life, teacher Frances Anthony commented, "Yes, he didn't

live very long; but there's a reason for it."

"Yeah," Harry Martin added quickly, "he died."

Student teacher Marci Shipp was overheard to say after a rather hectic day, "Boy, I feel like someone ran over me with a Mack truck and then backed up to see who he'd hit."

Miss Shipp shared another amusing incident at MHS when sophomore Cynthia Smelley recognized the face but unfortunately confused the name as she cheerfully greeted her with, "Hey, Miss Boat."

On Dec. 18--

Student Teachers Complete Training

As student teachers approach the end of their agonizing apprenticeship, Dec. 18, students must get in their two cents' worth.

On first sight, MHSers groan a little at the "prospects." However, the prospect makes it through the first day (probably with the help of a tranquilizer) with no pain.

And as time goes on, these tormented tutors are almost accepted and become part of the school.

Who knows? After Dec. 18 they may even be missed.
...John Tishler

MHS Wins 81-65--

4 Score Score High, Beat Bibb

Double figure scoring by Recardi Nelson, Percy Brown, Eddie Tyus, and Ronnie Tyus sparked the Bulldogs to an 81-65 victory over Bibb County at Montevallo Nov. 20.

Nelson, a junior, was high pointman for MHS with 21 points. Brown had 19; E. Tyus, 17; and R. Tyus, 14.

The Bulldogs jumped out front with a 25-12 first-quarter lead and were ahead by 15 at halftime. But the third frame was long and cold for MHS fans as the Bulldogs watched their advantage cut to one point.

But the MHSers exploded for 24 big points in the final round as they gave up only 11 points to take the 81-65 win.

Leroy Russell of Bibb was the game's top scorer; he had 28 points.

Roger Moore with 13 points and Terry McCary with 12 led the scoring as the Bullpups ran over the Bibb County B's 47-38.

St. Jude Shows

Championship Form

State champion St. Jude topped MHS 73-56, Nov. 30, at Montgomery.

The Bulldogs took a six-point lead before St. Jude came to life, but by half time the Pirates were out front by seven and kept adding.

Recardi Nelson, MHS's leader, had 15 points in the first half before leaving the game sick. In a brief showing in the second half he hit one field goal. Ronnie Tyus added 14 points.

Arthur Stringer and Billy Riggins had 14 apiece for the winners.

Scoring-Quarters

MHS	14	12	13	17	56
SJHS	17	16	21	19	73

Bulldogs Win 48-35 In Ho-'Hum' Affair

With the whole school watching at 1:30 Tuesday, Montevallo defeated Indian Springs in a slow-moving game, 48-35.

Junior Jay Jones was the Bulldogs' top scorer with 12 points. Senior center Percy Brown, hitting five for five from the charity stripe, had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Scoring honors for the losers were shared by Joe Simonetti, Gary Morrow, and Rusty Rushton. Each chalked up eight points.

Football Banquet, Dec. 15

It's Time to Hand out Awards

Football players unite one more time before spring training as they are honored at the annual banquet Dec. 15 in the MHS lunchroom. Mike Neal, Auburn football player, will be guest speaker.

Awards to be handed out at the banquet include the Principal's Trophy, the Theron Fisher Award, outstanding back and lineman awards, and the Coaches' award.

The player with the highest scholastic average receives the Principal's Trophy, while the Theron Fisher Award, given in memory of the late Coach, goes to the player with the best leadership, citizenship, and most athletic ability.

Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming will name the player with the most hustle for the Coaches' award. All lettermen will receive certificates.

Samford Student Worns Athletes

About Temptations

"Thou shall not be led into temptation," cautioned Mr. Rick Ousley as he spoke to 50 FCA members at their Nov. 20 meeting.

A former Calera football player, Mr. Ousley is now a ministerial student at Samford University.

Club sponsor, Gary Fleming comments, "The purpose of FCA is to bring unity and fellowship among the athletic part and the Christian part."

"It is open to all races, non-denominational, and is organized on high school, college, and professional levels."

Officers of FCA at MHS are sophomore Henry White, captain; sophomore Thomas Brown, co-captain; and junior Jimmy Day, secretary-treasurer. Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming.

The organization meets every third Tuesday.

Mid-State and Thompson Classic--

Blocton Coming

The Bulldogs have one more home game before the holidays. West Blocton comes next Monday night.

In three meetings last year MHS downed the Tigers 60-59; 67-56; and 67-57.

Auxiliary Finances Films--

Boosters Add PE Equipment

Montevallo's Athletics Boosters Club has displayed Christmas spirit early this year by donating athletic equipment to the physical education department. The equipment includes a batting cage, 20 Olympic hurdles, and two football sleds.

Basketball Team 'Decorates' Gym

Something new has been added in the gym for this basketball season.

Caricatures of the varsity players have been mounted on the wall near the clock. Creator of the figures is senior Vivian Bolling.

Typing instructor Susie DeMent, who contributed the idea and engineered the project, explains, "I thought it might help us create a little more interest in basketball."

"We sincerely appreciate the Athletics Boosters Equipment Committee, headed by Mr. Gene Treglia, for providing us with this much needed equipment," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

"Both the Boosters and Auxiliary have helped our athletic department in many ways this year," comments Coach Richard Gilliam.

Auxiliary co-presidents Sue Winslett and Jean Jones have headed a drive to finance filming of games and a football banquet.

"We were just glad to do whatever we could to help," Mrs. Jones says.

Season Opens on Winning Note

By Jerry McNeel

Completely poised on opening night of the basketball season, the Bulldogs, led by Recardi Nelson with 22 points, upended Chilton County 74-56, Nov. 17, at the University of Montevallo.

Scoring with mid-season precision and displaying great agility on the boards, all-stater Percy Brown put in 20 points and claimed 12 rebounds. The Tyus brothers, Ronnie (all-stater) and Eddie, added 15 and 14 points respectively.

Conference Tourney Ahead

It's tournament time already for the Bulldogs, and their first big test comes next week when they must defend their Mid-State Conference basketball title.

Columbiana will host the tournament which matches teams from Childersburg, Columbiana, B.B. Comer, Indian Springs, Montevallo, Pell City, Thompson, and Vincent.

First round games are set for Tuesday afternoon beginning at 3:00. Night sessions begin at 6:30.

Semi-finals will be played on Thursday night, and the final and consolation games on Friday.

(Seeding and pairings were not available at publication time.)

All-Conference

An All-Conference team will be named at the end of the tournament; and trophies will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Football Champ

Thompson, declared conference champion in football, will receive its trophy at halftime of the final game of the tournament.

Coaches are in the process of selecting All-Conference football players. Twenty-two players will be named, and these will receive patches at halftime also.

Thompson Hosts

Close on the heels of Mid-State comes the 8th Thompson Holiday Classic, Dec. 19, 20, 21.

Teams involved in this meet, which the Bulldogs won last year, are Bibb County, Fultondale, Montevallo, McAdory, Prattville, Shelby County, and Thompson.

Teacher Panel To Inform FTA

Future plans for FTA were highlighted at the Nov. 20 meeting of that group.

Club members told sponsor Linda Sproul what fields of education interest them, and programs are being planned around these fields.

Most members expressed concern about the education of small children.

The planning committee scheduled a panel of teachers from elementary schools, high schools, and college to speak at the December meeting.

Club members will also be observing classes at these three levels of education during January according to Mrs. Sproul.



Pase Vd. el Pan, por Favor

Lunchtime provided a new experience for Spanish students Nov. 20. Instead of conversing with friends in the usual manner, they were required to speak only in Spanish.

Special tables were reserved and cards were placed on the table with the name of foods served and silverware being used to enable the conversation to go smoothly.

Lori Merijanian, a 2nd year student said, "It was fun trying to use another language just like it was an everyday thing."



Works of Art Made from Junk

The dictionary defines mobile as "organization of materials in which movement and balance are the most important elements in design." The art class will soon give MHSers a visible definition.

Bits of plastic, foil, and other materials hung on wire and string will carry out Christmas themes.

"If the mobiles turn out well, they will be used as decorations for the Senior Who's Who banquet," states art teacher Ann Parker.



HCC Plans Trips

Tentative plans for the Health Career Club include a guest speaker from Caraway Methodist Hospital and short field trips.

HCC leaders are co-presidents, Anne Johnson and Debbie Payne; vice president, Donna Lilly; and secretary-treasurer, Vivian Bolling.

Math Professor Speaks

Dr. J. Foreman, U of M math professor, lectured at the Senior Math Club's Nov. 26 meeting. At the request of sponsor Doug Morris, Dr. Foreman spoke on "Majoring in Math."

Dr. Foreman discussed study for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees in math, and told of various job opportunities on each level.

Club officers are Becky Hood, president; Terrance Powell, vice president; and Debbie Payne, secretary-treasurer.

The group is planning several activities for the year including a Christmas party and a science project to be exhibited at PTA Open House next spring.



Mayfield Visits

Spanish Club members had an exciting change of pace Nov. 27 when Dr. Ray Mayfield, chairman of the foreign languages department at U of M spoke to them about "The Background of our Spanish Heritage."

Junior Billy Barrow comments, "He was a most interesting speaker. I feel that everyone learned a lot from him."

Secretaries Try For Tactful Answers

How would you handle a caller who asks for an appointment after he failed to keep two previous ones? What would you do if your employer brought you flowers for your desk from his garden at home?

These questions were among a list of situations put before Future Secretaries at their November meeting.

Miss Marci Shipp, student teacher, planned the program to show the importance of tact in the office.

Merry Christmas

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Make It Merry!

The Christmas item that heads the list of MHSers is a two-weeks' vacation. School will be dismissed today at 2:55.

After a long New Year's celebration, students will return to school Jan. 7.

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A NEW KEEPER OF THE KEYS
Mr. Dennis Draper (r) turns over his classroom keys to his successor, Mr. William Benton

Col. Benton Replaces Mr. Draper in Social Studies

The new year brings a change at MHS as Mr. Dennis Draper resigns his teaching position as social studies teacher to Mr. William Benton. Mr. Draper has accepted a full-time position as minister at Wilton Baptist Church.

While experiencing his first teaching in public schools, Mr. Benton is not new in the field. He taught classes while in the Marine Corps, where he served 20 years.

After retiring as Lt. Colonel, Mr. Benton came to U of M to be certified as a teacher. He did his earlier college work at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

Mr. Benton is married and has three children. He enjoys "reading, golf, and canoeing."

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As Outstanding Teenagers--

3 Seniors Honored

Seniors Vivian Bolling, Becky Hood, and Randie Sears have been named Outstanding Teenagers of America and are now being considered for the Alabama trophy and national scholarships.

The honor is based on community leadership, scholarship, service to the school, and participation in extracurricular activities or sports.

Vivian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guss R. Bolling, Sr., is class treasurer, HCC secretary - treasurer, FHA treasurer, and SPOTLIGHT artist.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard G. Hood, Becky serves as honor society president, yearbook editor, and math club president.

Randie, co-president of the
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OUTSTANDING TEENS

Outstanding Teens (l to r), Vivian Bolling, Randie Sears, and Becky Hood, decorate the typing room door for Christmas

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MAY
ALL OF
YOU HAVE
A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A BRIGHT, HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

The Staff

On In-Service Program--

Teachers Work Extra Hours

MHS faculty are taking a critical look at themselves. Guidance counselor Frances Anthony heads an In-Service Study committee designed to improve teaching and learning.

Areas being studied include Local School Policies and Procedures, headed by Mrs. Anne Milford; Motivation of Students, led by Coach Richard Gilliam; Classroom Discipline, supervised by Mr. Lawrence McGraw; and Meeting the Needs of All Students, chaired by Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins.

Each group will give an oral presentation before the faculty and turn in a written report in summary of research and study.

Southern Association Evaluation follow-up studies in subject matter areas will be made by faculty groups and also reported on at faculty meetings.

"We hope these studies will prove stimulating and helpful," states Mrs. Anthony.

Benton--(Cont'd)

Coming into his new position, Mr. Benton expresses his concern for education, "I firmly believe young people are our greatest resource; but without adequate education, they can never achieve anywhere near potential."

Mr. Draper, who began teaching at MHS in August of 1972, is a graduate of MHS and U of M.

He comments, "I'm very grateful for the privilege of being at MHS these past two years. The experience has been very enjoyable and rewarding.

"I've enjoyed my classes in world geography, world history, and business law; and I'm going to miss working with a truly fine faculty and student body."

3 Seniors-- (Cont'd)

student council, is FHA president. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sears.

The Outstanding Teens of America are determined by biographical information furnished by the nominees along with the Program's criteria. MHSers are nominated for the honor by a faculty committee.

It's News Downtown--

Churches Hold Special Services For Christmas

SOME LOCAL CHURCH congregations are making plans to hold special Christmas Eve fellowships, while others gathered for early Christmas services last Sunday.

AMONG THOSE GROUPS with Christmas Eve plans is St. Andrews Episcopal Church, which is having a carol service at 11:00 p.m. and the traditional Christmas service at 11:30. St. Thomas Catholic Church will hold Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve also.

HOLIDAY SERVICES were celebrated Dec. 16 at both the University Baptist and Montevallo Baptist Churches. At University Baptist the Choir presented special Christmas music at the morning service, and at evening worship the church held a communion service. Montevallo Baptist members shared Christmas dinner after the morning service, with special music provided by the choir.

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH rang out with Christmas music as the chancel choir presented its program last Sunday.

Band Sparks Christmas Spirit

Students seeking the holiday spirit early this morning will be entertained by the concert band at a special assembly in the gym at 8:30.

Several numbers from last night's Christmas Concert will be on the program. Selections will range from Queen City March, I'll Be Home for Christmas, Green-sleeves, and Christmas Song to the French carol Noel Frances and Christmas in Other Lands.

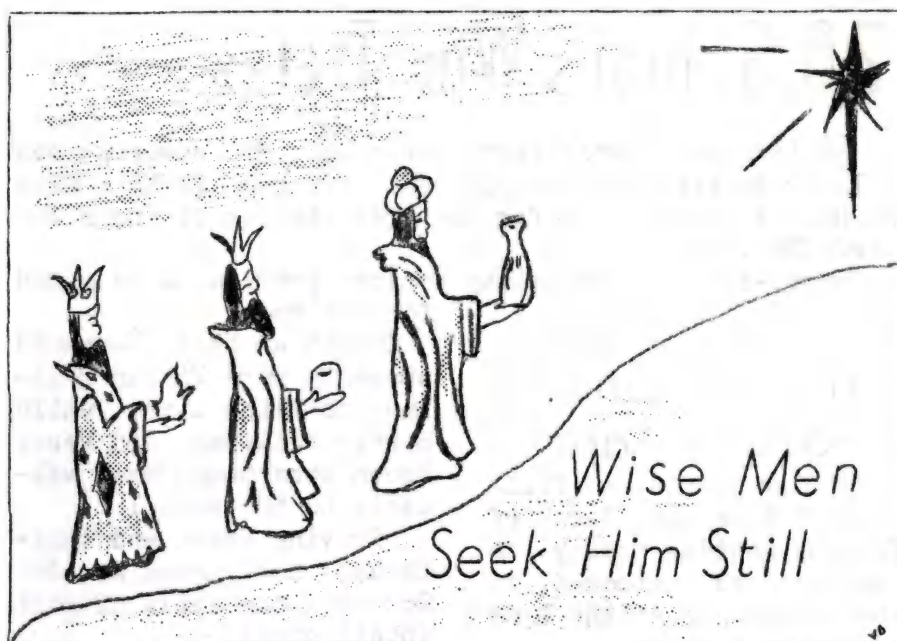
The stage band is also scheduled to perform two numbers.

Assembly is on a voluntary basis this morning. Students who do not wish to attend will report to study hall.



EDITORIALS . . .

For Christmas--



Give Thought And Prayers

"Peace on earth" is imperative to make Christmas a joyous one.

Christmas has always been a time to give and share; but due to present situations all over the world, we must all give a little more of our prayers and good thoughts.

The war in the Middle East must be settled in the December Peace Conference. We must pull together for domestic peace.

Christmas can always be set aside as a day for gifts and love, but what would it be like without a "Silent Night" where "all is calm; all is bright?"

Principal Extends Greetings

The holiday season gives us time to celebrate Christmas and to extend season's greetings. Classes end, books close, and we all go home to commemorate the most sacred occasion of the year.

Of all the gifts that we exchange and all the pleasures we enjoy during the holiday season, the best is the good will of friends, neighbors, and the people with whom we work.

This note is to tell you (students, faculty, staff, and friends) that your good will and cooperation have meant much in promoting our school program. May the many wonderful memories of the good things that have come our way and influenced our lives bring us renewed inspiration for the coming year.

Best wishes for prosperity in the year ahead.

W. C. Corbett
Principal

Return Library Books

"We need HELP in the library," commented Principal W.C. Corbett at last Monday's faculty meeting.

Over 100 books, with check-out dates as far back as September, are due according to librarian Anne Milford.

Please treat the library to a Merry Christmas by returning all overdue books.

Is Daylight Saved?

The Presidential Energy Commission has proposed to move time up next January to Daylight Savings Time for energy conservation. The Commission spokesmen explain that this will allow people more daylight hours in which to get things done, thus saving on household lighting and heating.

But--even though an extra hour of light is added in the evening, lights will have to be turned on an hour earlier in the morning. Where, then, is the conserved energy?

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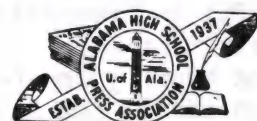
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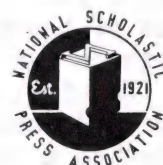
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All-American

With Music--

As Class Who's Who--

Troubadours Move Indoors

Even though marching season is over, the band remains busy with its schedule of concerts, parades, and special performances. They opened the holiday season last night with their annual Christmas concert.

Among selections on the program were Noel Francais, Greensleeves, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and Christmas in Other Lands.

The Troubadours donned their marching boots again on Dec. 14 to participate in Calera's Christmas Parade.

The Jazz band was featured at the PTA Variety Show Dec. 11. Included in this group are trombones, saxophones, trumpets, and rhythm section.



26 Seniors Win 'Titles'

Seniors were spotlighted at a banquet co-sponsored by honor society and senior class officers in Main Dining Hall at the U of M for the presentation of Who's Who awards Dec. 17.

Twenty-six of the sixty seniors present were named for honors.

Christmas Fun Is Faculty Fare

Holiday treats and fellowship took the place of faculty meeting Monday as the teachers gathered in the livingroom of the home economics building.

Games and refreshments were planned by the Social Committee with Mrs. Junnie Craig as chairman.

Cherry nut bread, sausage balls, cheese ball, ham loaf, candy, and coffee were served in a festive manner.

Principal W. C. Corbett received a gift certificate from the teachers.

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Chosen as best all-around students were Vivian Bolling and Krist Lien, while Bonnie Williams and Percy Brown were named most valuable to the school.

Proving smart and ambitious, Becky Hood and Jon Goad won the title of most intellectual.

Debbie Payne and Willie Moore shared the honor of being most courteous, and Jeanie Williams and Clay Spicer took the title of most creative.

Other awards included: Best dressed--Iris Chappell and Roy Lucas; best looking--Karen Guthrie and Herman Fochtman; friendliest--Lori Merijanian and Terrence Powell; most athletic--Judy Darden and Ronnie Tyus.

Most likely to succeed--Randie Sears and Stephen Fancher; wittiest--Dorothy Johnson and James Spears; best dancers--Sheryl Woods and Willie Cottingham; and most school spirit--Peggy Cottingham and John Miller.

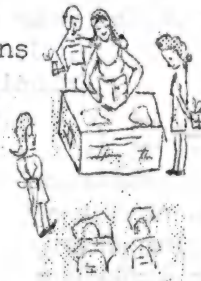
Student Teachers End Training

After their eight weeks of working at MHS seven teachers leave with "mixed emotions and new found knowledge."

All seven agree that it has been a "wonderful and rewarding experience." During their stay most say they "gained information about young people, experimented with ideas, and maybe formed a basis of the way I plan to teach."

Some found new friends and shared their problems. Others said that practice teaching brought back memories of their own high school days and claimed the experience was "work but fun."

The eight weeks certainly proved to be "challenging and enjoyable;" and as Mr. William Benton, who has accepted a position at MHS, sums it up, "It's a real honor and privilege to work with young people. I plan to make MHS my future."



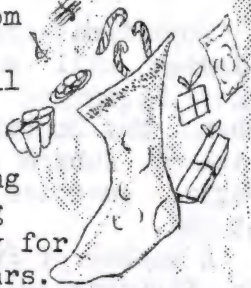
Time Jumps Ahead

MHSers had better catch up on all their sleep over the holidays. On Jan. 6 at 2:00 a.m., all clocks will be set up an hour.

The bill to revert to year-round Daylight Saving Time was signed by President Nixon last week as a means to conserve energy.

School Closes On Festive Note

Homeroom Christmas parties will be pulled out of the MHS stocking after being packed away for several years.



Homerooms voted Dec. 12 to hold parties during the last period today. Committees were appointed to plan refreshments, games, and music.

Students will return to homerooms at 1:55 for the social hour and will receive School Days pictures to exchange at the party.

What about Christmas Cards?



Christmas cards, a little more than a century old, were originally handmade presentations from school boys to their parents.

Through the years, however, Christmas cards have become polished. According to senior Marion Mayweather, "Cards are my own personal way of saying 'Merry Christmas.'"

Opinions at MHS differ on the practice of sending greetings by the way of cards.

Daisy Stallworth shares an opinion expressed by many MHSers. "Christmas cards along with stamps just add up to too much money."

"I'd rather put the money into a gift than to send cards," says senior Deborah Hudson.

'SNO SNOW

No one can deny that MHS almost had a white Christmas. Small snow flurries fell Dec. 16 and 17.

Tradition

Some students will still carry on the tradition, though. Senior Marla Maines states, "Christmas cards are the best way to let people know that you are thinking of them in a special way."

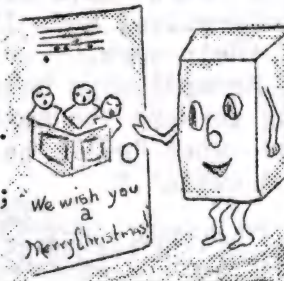
Habit

Becky Hood comments, "I have always sent cards; I guess it's a habit."

Whether it's for expensive, a nice thought, or just plain habit, the mailman will be burdened down with written expressions of "Merry Christmas."

LOCKER LAUGHS

Christmas is ringing
In the halls.
Holiday cheer
Lies within our walls.
Doors are decked
With tinsel and holly;
So laugh with me
And let's be jolly.



Coach Gary Fleming had invited himself to Mr. Doug Morris' house for steak dinner after he heard Mr. Morris comment that he was going to slaughter a cow.

"Sure," Mr. Morris replied, "come ahead. I'll treat you to the cowhide and you can make yourself a football."

SPOTLIGHT editor Gilbert Barkley commented on the announcement of homeroom parties, "Oh, no. Mr. McClain is on another diet; I guess that means we'll all eat grapefruit."

Beverly Brazzell, trying to tell Mrs. Linda Sproul the Kool-Aid she served was not sweet enough, said, "Gee, I didn't know there was a sugar shortage, too."

Alumni Jesse Alexander was discussing the food shortage at the senior banquet. "I got so hungry I decided to shoot a rabbit, but I couldn't bring myself to do it." Dorothy Johnson asked, "Why not, Jesse?"

"I decided he was looking for food, too; and it just wouldn't be fair," Jesse replied.

Draper, DeMent Win Door Prize

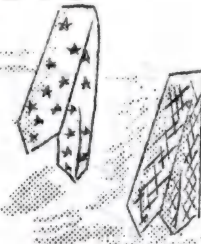
Halls were dressed in gay apparel for the holidays with doors decorated for the FTA sponsored Door Decorations Contest Dec. 19.



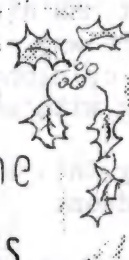
A traditional snowman, with broom and pipe, won \$5 for Mr. Dennis Draper's room, and Miss Susie DeMent's depiction of the Wise Men took the prize as best religious decoration.

Ties Tie 'Heroes' in Knots

"Future Heroes of America" have really been "tying" things up these past few weeks. With material from Nadine's Fabric Shop, a Simplicity pattern and a little help from their teacher, Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins, the all-male family living class has been making neckties for themselves.



Some MHSers Won't Be Home For Christmas



What are you doing for the holidays? Many MHSers will be on the road. Some will visit relatives, some just vacation, and others will be "bowling."

Among those who will visit relatives are Beverly Brazzell, visiting in Racine, Wis.; and Shelia Robinson, Kentucky.

School secretary Opal Long, who will visit in Lenoir City, Tenn., says, "We usually look forward to seeing snow; and I'll be hoping y'all have some down here."

Teacher and Mrs. Charles Martin with son Harry will travel to the Sugar Bowl to "pull for Bama." Senior Roy Lucas and his family will also go to New Orleans for the bowl.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Tishler, parents of sophomore John and 8th grader Suzanne, will be bowl spectators, too. They will travel to Atlanta to view the Peach Bowl.

Harry Martin comments about his plans. "I hope our tickets come soon, but the gas shortage might still keep us from going."

Junior Major Harris says laughingly, "Our ties have to be perfect; if we do one little thing wrong, Mrs. Hankins makes us undo it and do it over right."

Lorenzo Mitchell declares, "I'll never make another tie; it's too hard."

Ten out of 12 class members are working on the project. Roy Lucas was first to complete his tie and will have a second one finished soon. Recardi Nelson, Lorenzo, and Larry Davis have finished theirs also.

Mrs. Hankins comments, "The boys have been very cooperative, and I'm proud of their work."

Recardi says he's looking forward to next semester when "we'll be cookin' and eatin'."

Auburn Student Comes to Teach

Vocational agribusiness classes will see a new face beginning Jan. 9, when Mr. Daniel Kirkpatrick of Auburn University begins practice teaching at MHS.

A native of Prattville, Mr. Kirkpatrick was involved in wrestling and football in high school. He also played varsity football at Samford.

Mr. Kirkpatrick says, "I chose teaching vocational education because I feel I can achieve satisfaction in teaching a subject that is useful no matter what course the student is taking."

Vocational students are making Christmas gifts from wood supplies in the building.

They are also studying conservation, wildlife, and game management for hunting during the holidays.

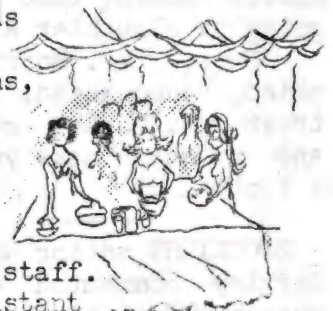


Advanced Home Ec Class Entertains at Christmas Buffet

Mrs. Junnie Craig's advanced foods class ate, drank, and made merry at a buffet dinner Dec. 14. Decorations, planned and made by Mrs. Craig and the 16 home economics students, emphasized the theme, "FHA Spreads Happiness."

Included on the guest list were parents of the girls and the office staff. State supervisor Evelyn Cotney, assistant state supervisor Betty Coe, and supervisor of student teaching Eleanor Johnston were also guests.

The menu offered strawberry congealed salad, turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, green bean casserole, hot rolls with butter, cake, and coffee or tea.



FHA Plans Treat for Tots

FHAers, accompanied by sponsors Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins and Mrs. Junnie Craig traveled to the Shelby County Child Development Center in Almont Dec. 18 to "Spread Happiness" by sponsoring Christmas parties.

A group of three girls to each of the eight rooms provided their own Christmas party.

Refreshments and a variety of games were among the entertainment.



In Chemistry--

UM Gives Help

Students in Mr. Jim Hermech's chemistry class got professional help Dec. 6.

Head of U of M's chemistry department Dr. Aris Merijanlian lectured on covalent bonding.

The lecturer brought models of atoms to show.



John Miller Trains on the Job with Vet

Senior John Miller is getting on the job training in his chosen interest field by helping Montevallo's new veterinarian Dr. Frank S. Brush.

Dr. Brush has remodeled the old Wagon Wheel restaurant and has equipped it with an X-ray room, examining room, waiting room, operating room, and kennel for treating both small and large animals.

John, who plans to go into veterinary medicine as a career, comments, "I enjoy working with Dr. Brush and getting a first-hand look at my chosen profession."



At Vocational Center--

Dinner Honors Senior Citizens

Eight MHSers did their part toward making Christmas merry for senior citizens in the Montevallo area.

The eight girls are members of Hero Club at Shelby County Vocational Center which sponsored Senior Citizens Day, Dec. 15.

Highlights of the event included words of welcome by the school's director Charles Knowles, a coffee hour, a campus tour, dinner, and a visit from Santa Claus.

The guests were treated to a meal of chicken loaf, broccoli, congealed salad, hot rolls, and cherry cobbler. Among students in the foods department who prepared and served the delicacies were MHSers Anne Johnson, Marion Mayweather, and Doreen Williams.

To begin an hour of entertainment, Patricia Conwell, club historian, introduced Coach Gary Fleming who gave a devotional. Members of HERO presented a Christmas pageant, which featured narration by Anne Johnson; and treasurer Dianne Hawkins recited a Christmas poem.

Excitement reached its peak when Santa appeared with presents for all the senior citizens.

Gifts had been donated by merchants from Calera, Chelsea, Columbiana, and Montevallo. Extra presents were sent to Briarcliff Nursing Home.

Students taking part in the activity, other than those already mentioned, are Kathy Goggins, Sandra Hayes, Twanda Lilly, and LaDonna Pirtle.



Weese Arranges 'Sunrise, Sunset' For Publication

Band director Jim Weese has turned part-time composer. He has requested permission to get a copyright for his arrangement of Sunrise, Sunset, taken from Fiddler On the Roof, from Sunbeam Music Company of New York.

If the permission is granted, Mr. Weese will send the score to music companies, who may in turn publish his song.

Mr. Weese reviewed his arrangement by having the advanced band rehearse it. He comments, "Hundreds of songs are submitted each year; and even if permission is granted, the chances of publication are slim."

Give someone a SPOTLIGHT Subscription for Christmas.

Council Celebrates

Student council officers and representatives ushered in the jolly season early as they held a Christmas party Dec. 18 at Randie Sears' home.



Representatives were entertained with music and snacks provided by the members.

Co-president Beverly Brazzell said, "It was a good time for the council members to get acquainted informally."

"The party started at 7:30 and was over at 11 p.m.," explains Lori Merijanian, "because the next day was a school day."

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McGraw and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin were chaperones.

Christmas Becomes Tug-of-War

It's that time of year again; and in case you've forgotten what Christmas shopping is like, take a look.

First, it means breaking open your piggy bank and being generous. It's a time to buy presents for the ones you love. But, to go shopping, you must be prepared.

Girls, besides putting tear gas in your purses and getting your fingers ready for grabbing, you should take along a strong male companion for fighting off frantic females at before-Christmas sales.

For men it's different. You only have to use courtesy and a little muscle to push your way through those women and patience upon seeing what you want snatched away before your very eyes.

Alas! Christmas has come to this.

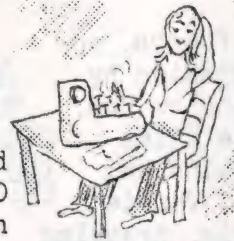
(John Tishler)



Susan Cupp Paces Typists

Typing students are racing against time with no regard for the effort to conserve energy as the semester draws near the end.

Timings have been recorded and the first-year typing leaders thus far are Susan Cupp with 60 words per minute and Debbie Lucas and Beth Pritchett with 50 wpm. Male leaders are Dane Lawley with 40 words per minute; Noel Spicer, 37; and Eddie Hyde, 34.



Instructor Susie DeMent comments, "This group is ahead of last year's. Debbie Payne, who was the 1972-73 beginning champion, was typing 57 words per minute at the end of the first semester."

ACT, Feb. 23

The next ACT test is scheduled for Feb. 23.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony advises, "Students should register before Jan. 28, and juniors should also register soon to take the tests to be given in April and June."

Scores from the Dec. 8 test should be ready for students after the holidays Mrs. Anthony says.

Speech Class Produces Plays

Two plays have been brewing in student teacher Gloria Neuffer's speech class.

The plays, "Christmas to a Child" and "Soul Christmas" were created and produced by the students with the aid of Miss Neuffer.

Stage presentation was held Tuesday before an audience of study halls.

Miss Neuffer says, "The groups seemed to have fun putting the productions together."

FTA Makes Christmas Cards

The December meeting of FTA was used as an art workshop. The 18 members of the club made hand-constructed Christmas cards for the faculty.

Vice president Gilbert Barkley comments, "It was fun making them; I hope the faculty appreciates all our hard work."

The cards are being distributed this morning.



Merry Christmas--

Former MHSers Receive Honors At University

MHS alumni are making it big at the University of Montevallo. Two grads are currently honored.

Roxanne Rutledge, '73, a former high school honor student, has received the National Scholarship Award from Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, an international business and professional women's organization.

Roxanne, MHS's first female representative in state track, is presently majoring in physical education at U of M. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Rutledge of Montevallo.

Terri Chambers, '72, former MHS cheerleader, is working on choreography for the Purple side in the annual College Night clash.

This battle between the Purple and Gold sides takes place during Homecoming Feb. 7-9. The event is scheduled earlier this year due to the new trimester system of grading at the University.

Celebrations Vary

No matter what nationality you represent, descendants in your home country have celebrated Christmas for centuries. Here's how you might have been celebrating.

MHSer Dennis O'Quinn of Irish descent, might celebrate St. Stephens Day, Dec. 26, by singing carols handed down from generations. He would greet Christmas with a Christmas tree and a welcome candle.



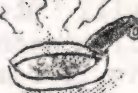
Junior Michele Van Landingham, Dutch would celebrate the Bishop's birthday on Dec. 6. She would have to put her shoes on the fireplace to receive gifts; but, if she has been bad, she will be carried away in the devil's sack.



German descendants Herman Fochtman, Jim Hermecz, and Donna Meuhlbauer would have a Christmas tree for every member of the family. They would gather together with all the family around the trees on Christmas Eve and light them. Afterwards the children would get gifts.



Armenians Greg and Lori Merijanlian would have a delightful (?) dinner of fried spinach. Their festivities would last three days.



But whatever your nationality may be, when the calendar shows Dec. 25, most people you know will be thinking "Christmas."

PTA Variety Show Adds to Treasury

Talent sprang up from all over town on Dec. 11 at the variety show presented by the PTA. As many as 15 groups took a part in the show including a performance by MHS's own "Roger Williams," Mr. Doug Morris, who played piano.

The program was climaxed by audience participation in singing carols.

The show netted approximately \$300 as almost 500 people viewed the local talent, according to producer Elaine Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes says, "We would like to extend special thanks to the Troubadours and the Montevallo Middle School chorus for doing such a fine job and express gratitude to all other groups which helped make the show a success."

Cafeteria Crew Cooks up Party

Lunchroom workers will serve themselves at a Christmas gathering Dec. 21. The party has been a five-year tradition, observed by exchanging gifts among themselves before the holidays.

According to lunchroom manager Gwen Mitchell a small supper will be prepared and served in the cafeteria after working hours on the last day of school.

Mrs. Frances Alexander, a worker, says, "It always has been a lot of fun to get together with friends and show your appreciation."

Don't You Doubt It--

The Referee Knows the Rules

by John Tishler

Many sports fans act as if they think that all there is to being a referee is running up and down a court or field and tooting a whistle. This is definitely a misconception. A little research cleared up this writer's thoughts on the subject.

Mr. Larry Popwell, Montevallo Middle School teacher, who officiates at many games in this area, explains, "Referees go through a rigorous course each year to be qualified."

One day each month the officials in the Jeffco System, of which Mr. Popwell is a member, meet to discuss the rules of officiating. Once a year the officials must score 80 or above on a test given by the state association to remain in good standing.

A referee must have three years' experience before he can officiate a varsity game.

When asked how a good crowd should react, Mr. Popwell stated, "A crowd should cheer their team on and play down the officials who are only there to keep the game under control."

"Spectators," he said, should understand that officials must try to be perfect all the time; for there is no room for error. But we're only human."

So, the next time you want to "kill the ref," remember he's trained to do his job and he knows what he's doing.

Bulldogs Play in Thompson Tournament

The Thompson Classic, held in past years during the Thanksgiving holidays, is in progress this week. Montevallo played Prattville and Thompson met McAdory last night in the semi-finals.

Winners of the two matches meet tonight in a single game at 7:30.

Seeded No. 1, MHS drew a bye in the first round while McAdory played Shelby. Bibb County met Prattville, and Fultondale challenged Thompson.

The Bulldogs have won the Classic for the past two years, defeating Thompson both times in the finals, 95-52 in 1971 and 62-59 last year.

Twirling 'Round--

Tommy Captures 4 More Trophies

Tammy Harris has done it again in the twirling field. Trophies she bagged at the Major-Rama at Troy University Dec. 8 bring the year's total winnings to 10 shining statues.

In her third competition this year, she took 1st place in solo twirling, 1st place, military marching; and 2nd place, beauty.

Tammy comments, "I got extra points in the military marching because of the band uniform hat and overlay Mr. Weese loaned me."

Tammy's next contest is at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in February.

St. Jude's Coming

The first home game for MHS after the holidays is Jan. 18 with state champs St. Jude from Montgomery.

Girls Begin Basketball Play

Girls started down the basketball road Monday as they began practicing on shots and other skills.

Soon teacher Dot Bishop will pick the top eight from each class to compete in intramural matches.

Percy Tips in the Winner

Percy Brown saved the day for MHS Dec. 10 by being at the right place at the right time. With the score tied at 53, he tipped in a missed shot to beat West Blocton here 55-53 for the Bulldogs' fifth win.

The undefeated Tigers were ahead going into the fourth quarter 47-41. But the 'Dogs came back with fine shooting by Recardi Nelson, who hit a season high of 24 points for the night. Eddie Tyus added 10.

Top man for Blocton was Steve Preston, whose 15 point total included five for six at the free throw line.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	15	18	8	14	55
WBHS	19	14	14	16	53

By County and Conference—

Martin, Moore Cited

Seniors Harry Martin and Willie Moore have been named to the All-County football team. Harry was also picked for Mid-State Conference honors.

Coaches of county and conference chose 22 men for each team on the basis of playing ability and performance in 1973.

Outstanding at Safety

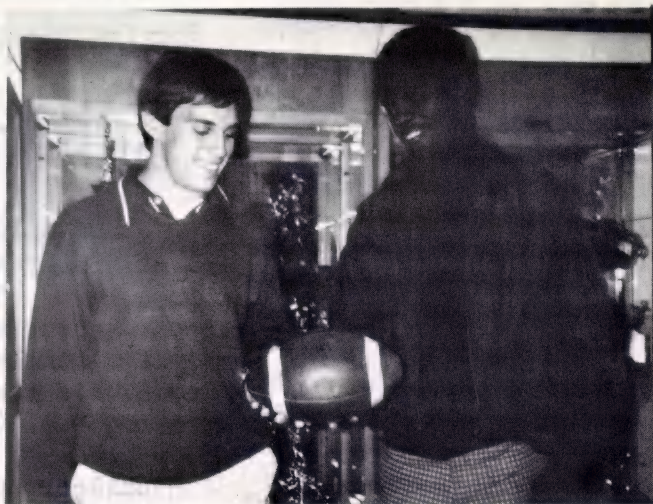
Coach Richard Gilliam comments on Harry's qualifications, "Harry is an outstanding defensive player at safety as well as an excellent tackler and pass defender.

"He is also our best blocking back and an intelligent, strong runner on offense."

Hard Yardage Man

About Willie's qualifications, Coach says, Willie's breakaway running was the big factor in the decision. At the end of the season he had developed into an excellent hard yardage runner as well as a good blocker."

"Both Willie and Harry," Coach concluded, "are unselfish team men and set good examples as leaders."



ONE LAST LOOK

Harry Martin, All-County, All-Conference, (left) and Willie Moore, All-County, take a final look at high school football before retiring it in trophy case

Stars Get Trophies—

Coaches Hand out Awards

Trophies, letters, and certificates were not on the menu; but they proved to be the main course at the football banquet last Saturday night.

Martin Wins 3 Trophies

Walking away with most honors was senior Harry Martin, who hasn't missed a football practice since he was an 8th grader. The fullback received the Principal's Award for scholarship, a co-captain's trophy, and the Theron Fisher Award. Earlier Harry had been named on All-County and All-Conference squads.

Willie Moore, All-County back, captured two awards. Willie was named permanent captain by his teammates and received the outstanding back award.

Bobby Is Hustler

The coaches cited Bobby Sherrer as the underclassman with the most hustle and desire and awarded him the Coaches' Trophy.

Wade Dennis and Herman Fochtmann shared the Outstanding Lineman Award.

Mike Neel of Auburn entertained with his guitar
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Coach Richard Gilliam congratulates Herman Fochtmann and Wade Dennis (r to l) on receiving the team's outstanding linemen awards. Both also were given honorable mention for All-County.

Willie Moore and Wade received honorable mention on the All-Conference team.



TWO-TIME WINNER

Percy Brown won MVP award at Mid-State basketball tournament second year in a row (Story p. 12)

Brown, Moore, Tyus Tagged All-Conference

Bulldogs dominated the All-Conference selection by placing three players on the stellar squad.

Percy Brown, Willie Moore, and Ronnie Tyus got the nod of tournament officials and coaches for the honor.

Brown, top scorer and rebounder for MHS, was acclaimed most valuable player for the second straight year. This was also the second year for Tyus to earn conference honors.

Others named to the team were Wayne McCoy, Ronnie Roberson, Pell City; Jerome Crow, Childersburg; James Riggins, Vincent; Andrew Lee, Comer; Mike Oden, Thompson; and Bobby Madison, Shelby County.

Overtime Does It---

Tigers Threaten, Lose 52-50

Led by seniors Percy Brown with 12 points and Ronnie Tyus with 10, the Bulldogs barely escaped their second defeat of the season Dec. 6 as they edged Chilton County 52-50. The 'Dogs and Tigers tied up the score 18 times before a decision was reached.

Halftime count was 28-28.

With only a few seconds left in the game, Thomas Brown, freshman, threw in the field goal that tied the count at 46 at the end of the regulation game.

MHS controlled the overtime tip and Thomas Brown scored on a layup. Ralph Hall answered with two points for the Tigers.

Recardi Nelson's two free throws put MHS ahead once more, but Anthony Wilson hit two for Chilton.

Two more free throws by Recardi put the Bulldogs on their way to another victory.

For 2nd Straight Year--

Bulldogs Sack up Mid-State

Montevallo won the Mid-State basketball championship last Saturday night at Columbiana for the second year in a row. The Bulldogs found the road to the throne room smooth at the start and finish but a little rough in the middle. They easily defeated Indian Springs, 60-37, in the opening round and were never pressed while taking Pell City, 45-27, in the title race.

Childersburg Fights

Childersburg's Tigers, after getting off to a cold, two-point first quarter start, kept whittling away at the Bulldog lead; and with nine seconds left, trailed by only one point, 50-49.

When he missed the first try, Percy Brown, tournament's MVP, cleared the board for the Bulldogs.

As he brought down the rebound, he was fouled. He dropped in both shots to give MHS the 53-49 win.

Finals Easy

MHS didn't have much trouble taking the championship game against Pell City Friday. The Bulldogs jumped to an early 20-13, first-quarter advantage and played like champions the rest of the game.

P. Brown scored highest for MHS with 16 points; he claimed 13 rebounds. Recardi Nelson scored 12.

Indian Springs Falls

Bulldog starters played only one quarter on opening night as they quickly disposed of Indian Springs by taking a 31-2, first quarter lead and sitting out the remainder of the game.

Childersburg and Vincent played a nip and tuck battle for the consolation prize, with Childersburg taking the 60-59 decision.

Harry Martin, MHS back, received conference football honors at halftime.

Tournament Scores

MHS 60 ... Ind. Sprgs. 37
Vincent 51 ... Thompson 49
Childersburg 64 . Comer 60
Pell City 69 ... Shelby 62

MHS 52 ... Childersburg 49
Pell City 56 .. Vincent 51
Childersburg 60.Vincent 50

MHS 45 Pell City 27

Banquet---(Cont'd)

and humorous songs about his football days. He ended his part of the program by witnessing for Jesus Christ.

Among special guests was Mrs. Bonnie Fisher who presented the award given in her late husband's honor.



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To Give Concert--

⁷⁰ Air Force Band Visits Jan. 30

Music will fill the air on the morning of Jan. 30 as the 604th Air Force Band gives its annual performance for MHS.

The program which lasts approximately 45 minutes is directed by bandmaster Eugene M. Sylvester. The group is from Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery.

Principal W. C. Corbett comments, "They are just great. This is one of the best programs presented at Montevallo High. They play different types of music for both the faculty and students to enjoy and always do a good job."

The performance will be given in the gymnasium at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 30.

Randie Sears Directs Teens--

School Aids in MOD Drive

The march is on in Shelby County as the battle against birth defects begins, and county teen chairman Randie Sears, MHS senior, is busy coordinating March of Dimes campaigns in schools.

Randie, who attended an organizational meeting for all county workers at Triple J Restaurant, Jan. 4, 1974. "Our major aim is to educate teens to the problems and effects of birth defects and to discover what can be done to combat them."

Campaign plans for MHS include a film to be shown this month, "Exploring Inner Space," featuring celebrities James Brolin and June Lockhart, and a countywide Walkathon March 30.

Randie remarks, "We are hoping that more people will participate in the Walkathon than the 13 who took part last year. We'd also like to promote county competition."

This year's March of Dimes poster child is a Montevallo four-year-old. She is Robin Elizabeth Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doss.

New Semester Calls for Look At Final Days

MHSers are advancing toward the downhill stretch as the first semester ended Jan. 15.

The students are looking forward to only 18 more weeks of school, broken in March by spring holidays, March 11-15.

Breaks also include Feb. 7 and March 7 as half-days when school is dismissed at 11:30 for teachers' associational meetings in Columbiana.

School closes for students on May 22, with the teachers returning on May 23 for a work day to complete records. Officially the closing date is May 24 when students return to pick up report cards.

not just routine news Donor Fails to Sign Name

Whodunit? That is the question at MHS. Who is the mysterious former 8th grader contributing money to MHS in payment for a library book that was never returned.

During Christmas holidays an anonymous typewritten note along with several ten and twenty dollar bills totalling \$80 was received by Principal W. C. Corbett. Inside the envelope, addressed to the school with a smudged postmark, was a note which read:

"As an eighth grade student I used a book for a report and did not return it. I am sorry and would like to pay for the book. Enclosed is \$80. This is to pay for the book with some extra to use as you see fit."

From NSPA--

Staff Awaits Semester Grade

With the first semester completed, SPOTLIGHTers are waiting for their report card from National Scholastic Press Association. They are hoping for All-A's (All-American rating) for the 24th consecutive semester.

All issues of the newspaper for the first semester were sent in before Christmas holidays to NSPA. Judging includes coverage, makeup, layout, editorials, features, and photography.

Results should be in in early March.

Co-sponsor Linda Sproul comments, "The staff has worked hard enough to deserve an award."

With New Phone System--

Office Solves Energy Crisis

If you're ever in the office and hear a loud buzz, don't run for the fire exit; it's only the new telephone system. The system, installed by Southern Bell, provides a master push button phone for quicker means of office communication.

Photographer Tries Again Today

MHSers are advised to "Smile" today as the photographer from the Waldrup Studio returns to take remakes and club pictures for MONTALA.

Funding for annual pictures comes from clubs paying \$15 for one-half page and \$30 per page. Location and poses for the pictures are decided upon by the club members.

The telephone reaches to departments by the simple push of a button and leaves two lines open for outside calls.

Secretary Opal Long says, "It conserves a lot of leg energy because before I had to walk to the different departments to deliver the messages."

Bus Drivers Study, Review Road Rules

Shelby County school bus drivers went back to school Jan. 15-16.

A school bus clinic was held in Columbiana for the drivers. The purpose of the clinic was to refresh the drivers with a state training course and to administer a driver's performance test to update licenses.

County transportation supervisor Sherrell McClure comments, "Another clinic will be held later on this year."

It's Time to Report

Distribution of report cards next Wednesday marks the halfway point in the 1973-74 school year.

Grade sheets are to be handed to homeroom teachers by 8:30 a.m., Jan. 21. Students will return to homerooms at 2:45 on Jan. 23 to receive report cards.

It's News Downtown--

U of M Celebrates College Night

The battle of the colors is on again as sounds of "Yeah, Purple, Yeah, Gold" echo from the hills of U of M. College Night performances will be held in Palmer Hall Feb. 7, 8, 9.

Dec. 12 marked the opening of Montevallo's newest fashion shop. Tops and Bottoms is mostly a girls' boutique, which also carries he-she sizes in some styles.

Plans include decorating in a bamboo style with hand-painted murals.

Allen Montgomery is the owner. Co-managers are Pat Burdett and Reba Gunter.



Mr. Jack Pruitt, father of freshman Danny and 8th grader Pam, has made room in his antique shop on Main Street for an upstairs gift shop.

The shop is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bagget. Gifts include jewelry, paintings, chess sets, blown glass items, incense, and candles.

MHSers can beat the energy crisis on horseback at Aldrich's new western, pleasure riding stables at Dinkum's Crossroads.

The stable is open from noon until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Rental is \$2 per hour.

EDITORIALS . . .

March of Dimes Calling!



What You Are Makes You Act

Life teaches us many things every day. Almost everything we do is self-motivated, whether good or bad. We learn from our inner-selves and act accordingly. We may be influenced by propaganda tactics of those around us, but in the end the decision and action are our own.

A few days after Christmas an anonymous donation of \$80 came to MHS. It was in compensation for a book the donor did not return when he was in the 8th grade here. Enclosed with the money was a note instructing Principal W. C. Corbett to use it as he saw fit.

Whatever prompted the generous donation, whether honesty or a guilty conscience, this person had to make the decision in his own mind and heart first; and this is the only thing that should matter.

Give Money, Voice

Helping to prevent birth defects is a cause that should not be overlooked. You can help fight this dreaded disease by opening your hearts and wallets to the Mothers March tomorrow and Sunday.

Many people fail to see the importance of this drive because their children are not stricken, but over 250,000 infants suffer physical or mental defects every year in the United States.

Use your money and influence to help!

Jonathan for the Birds?

Jonathan Livingston Seagull has received bad reviews from movie critics. But these people go to the movies looking for things to criticize.

The book by Richard Bach concerns seagulls, and the movie is about seagulls; but both are about people. If you take the movie on the surface and view it as just about birds, you miss the whole meaning. This movie is about striving to reach perfection, not being satisfied with an ordinary sort of existence, wanting to see and do things you've never seen or done before; and the seagull is merely a symbol of this.

When you go to the movie or read the book, watch for the things Jonathan accomplishes and try to relate these things to your own life.

Start Again!

"Off with the old and on with the new" is heard at MHS as students usher in 1974 with efforts to do better than in 1973.

Bad habits which caused such grievances as overdue books, tardiness, excessive absences, and poor grades should be viewed as ancient history.

Students should now wake up to their carelessness and attempt to correct the mistakes of the past and abide by the rules to make this the best year ever.

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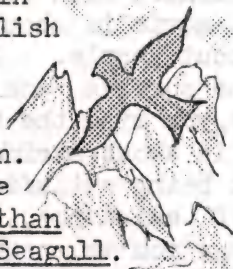


All-American

Seniors Study

Jonathan Seagull

Seniors in college English traveled to Brookwood Theater in Homewood Jan. 9 to see the movie, Jonathan Livingston Seagull.



The trip was made after the class read the book to see if they agreed with the negative reviews the movie has been receiving.

Teacher Frances Anthony says she is inclined to go along with the reviewers. She comments, "The scenery and music were wonderful, but. . ."

Senior Jean Woodall expresses a similar opinion, "It was too unrealistic to be believable. I just did not relate to it."

Kirkpatrick Joins Ag Group

Agribusiness students are entering new fields this semester with a new guide. Mr. David H. Kirkpatrick, student teacher and FFA advisor began official duties Jan. 9. He will work with agribusiness teacher M. Thornton until Mar. 8.

Second semester study will place emphasis on job exploration opportunities, home gardens, forestry, landscaping, and livestock production.

Contests in livestock and land judging will highlight February activities. Field visits are planned to Westinghouse and ABEX later in the semester.

The FFA recently received contributions from ABEX corporation and National FFA for participation in the FFA Calendar Program, sponsored by Central Bank of Calera.



Grad Recruits for ROTC

Joey Day (MHS, '73) returned to his alma mater Jan. 7 and 8 as official recruiting officer for the Navy ROTC. He was available to answer questions from junior boys on receiving scholarships to colleges with Navy ROTC facilities. Qualifications for these scholarships included an ACT score of at least 23, passing a standard physical examination, and a review of high school grades.

Joey received such a scholarship from the ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma which includes four-year tuition, \$100 a month for room and board, and any books needed. His major is industrial engineering. "I'm thinking about changing it," Joey explains, "but I'm pretty sure I'll stay in basic engineering."

FTA Has Guests

FTA members gained insight into teaching Jan. 15 as guest speaker Barbara Milstead presented the advantages and disadvantages of elementary teaching.

Mr. George Dailey, another guest, spoke on high school work. He commented, "The major requirement in any teaching is a true interest in young people."

Class Follows Construction

Members of the special ed class had an experience in career education Dec. 19 when they went to Overland Road where a new house is being built.

The students went around the house and watched the carpenters work. They later discussed various steps in building a house and the types of workers involved.

Teacher David Nichols comments, "We plan to go back two or three times to observe the work as the house progresses."

The class was later treated to cokes and cake in Mr. Nichols' home.

Policemen Visit School, Improve Image

Mr. David Nichols' English classes were visited by the police Dec. 19.

Police chief Troy Kirkland and officer Larry Horton brought several modern instruments used by the Police Department and explained law enforcement techniques to the group.

Mr. Nichols comments, "The students seemed to gain greater insight and improved attitudes toward policemen after asking and receiving answers to many questions."



About Small Children--

Veronica Rutledge Speaks out

"I can't stand to see unhappy or mistreated children because children are what tomorrow will be." These words came from the pert and friendly sophomore Veronica Rutledge in speech class.



Veronica shows a deep interest in working with children in the future, especially those who are handicapped. She has accepted babysitting jobs with both black and white children and comments, "No matter what race, I love to look into children's thoughts. They can ask some questions that even grown ups have a hard time answering."

If the question arises as to what brought about this interest in children, it may be explained by Veronica's comment, "I have seven brothers and six sisters; and Mother and Dad have brought us up to love each other."

Will Time Heal Wounds It Makes?

Many MHSers are fumbling around in the dark as all clocks had to be turned up an hour on Jan. 6 at 2 a.m. for Daylight Saving Time.



Some students express opinions on the change with moans and groans. Sophomore Susan Zahumensky comments, "I really felt funny when I woke up in the dark. I wanted to keep on sleeping."

Junior Glenn Stewart says, "I couldn't believe it was 7:00 when my alarm went off. I hated it!"

Freshman Joy Guy complains, "This new time is killing me. I can't believe we're conserving any energy."

The old saying goes, Time heals all things; but MHS students are having a difficult time recuperating from this time change.

LOCKER LAUGHS



'Tho we'd rather
Stay in bed
And not roll out,
But sleep instead,
We rise and find it
Harder than ever
To be gay and witty
And one bit clever.



Girls in Miss Dot Bishop's 6th period PE were doing the bicycle exercise when the class noticed that 9th grader Cheryl Staffney was going extremely fast.

In explanation she said, "I'm riding a 10-speed."

Mike Treglia was reading Spanish when he suddenly shouted, "Come here, somebody!" As Jimmy Day rushed to the rescue, instructor Dan Martin jokingly commented, "Jimmy, he said, 'somebody!'"

Math teacher Doug Morris commented to his algebra class that it was raining. Freshman Glenn Blackmon excitedly said, "Mr. Morris, I've got to go home."

When Mr. Morris asked

Maybe Santa Needs Only 7

The energy crisis may soon hit the North Pole if junior Glen Mitchell keeps "shooting it up."

Glen killed an eight-point, 200-lb. deer, Jan. 3, in Bibb County with a 30-30 rifle; and "I only shot him once in the tail," laughs the hunter.

What does he plan to do with the deer? "Mount the head and eat the rest."

"Why?", Glenn quickly replied, "I've got to get my wash off the clothesline."

English teacher Linda Sproul asked for nouns pertaining to Christmas. When sophomore Ginger Rochester offered the word "love," Mrs. Sproul said, "Let's have something less abstract and more concrete, Ginger."

Shirley Cunningham suggested, "You mean like cement?"

Conversation turned to the morning darkness of Daylight Saving Time. Business teacher Susie DeMent commented on walking to school the second day, "It was a little lighter this morning; I didn't have to use my flashlight."

In Thompson Tourney--

*Well balanced
& mechanically
attractive*

Bulldogs Take Third Trophy

For the third year in a row Montevallo won Thompson's Holiday basketball tournament. Drawing a bye for the first night of play, the Bulldogs downed Prattville 67-47 in the semi-finals and raced past McAdory 62-50 in the final round.

Ronnie Tyus led MHS scoring with 24 points as the 'Dogs had little trouble with 3A power Prattville.

Percy Brown added 11 points and captured 15 rebounds to aid in the victory.

Prattville's best was James Arrington; he scored 16 points.

McAdory also offered 3A competition, but again the 'Dogs found victory easy. Ronnie and Percy were team leaders for a second night. They had 15 points apiece and Percy claimed 12 rebounds.

High point man for McAdory was Clifford Echols with 13 points.

Gym Floor Shines

The gym floor received a shiny gift worth \$200 over Christmas holidays.

Dixie Chemical Company cleaned and refinished the playing surface.

Coach Richard Gilliam comments, "This should help players' shoes grip the floor as well as make the gym look better."

On Northern Road Trip--

Montevallo Wins One, Loses One

Montevallo broke even when the Bulldogs went visiting in North Alabama last Friday and Saturday nights. They picked up their eleventh win defeating East Limestone and suffered a loss, their second, to Tanner.

Before losing, the Bulldogs tied Tanner up 14 times and led by three in the opening moments of the fourth quarter. Then Tanner scored 13 unanswered points as the Rattlers took the game 66-56.

Tyus, Nelson Lead

Ronnie Tyus and Recardi Nelson led the MHS scoring with 13 and 12 points respectively. A hot outside shooter, Willie Byrd, paced the Rattlers with 19.

Saturday's game at East Limestone proved to be more satisfying for the Bulldogs as they took their eleventh victory of the season.

However, in the early

St. Jude Tonight

Bulldogs get a second shot at the state champion St. Jude when the Pirates come to town tonight.

The first meeting of these two this season saw St. Jude winning 73-56.

B game is at 6:30; varsity play starts at 7:45.

going it looked as if the 'Dogs would fall again.

Come from Behind

At the end of the first quarter MHS was down by five, 13-8. But by half-time, the 'Dogs had eased out front 27-23.

In the final quarter, Montevallo pulled away as Percy Brown, scoreless for three quarters, put in six points.

The final count showed Montevallo 51, East Limestone 44.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	8	19	11	13	51
ELHS	13	10	14	7	44

Bulldog Scoring

Ronnie Tyus	12
Willie Moore	11
Recardi Nelson	10
Thomas Brown	10
Percy Brown	6
Eddie Tyus	2

The Thompson Warriors, sharing the road trip with the Bulldogs, took both their games. They walloped East Limestone 72-45 and squeaked by Tanner 52-51.

Girls Begin to Shape up

Girls in MissDot Bishop's PE classes are getting in shape with gymnastics. The classes started off with exercises last week that should ready the girls for the mats, balance beam, and trampoline.

Senior Lynn Nix, who shows interest and skill in gymnastics, comments, "I've been practicing gymnastics since I was a small child. Miss Bishop has helped me polish my exercises and master some difficult ones. Tumbling offers a big challenge to me."

Held Scoreless in 1st Quarter--

Blocton Hosts Area Tourney Feb. 25-Mar. 1

State basketball competition divides Class 2A schools into 8 regions; each region has 2 areas.

New Opposition

A reshuffling of teams by the State Athletic Association gives Montevallo new area opponents this year.

During the week of Feb. 25-Mar. 1, MHS will compete in Area 7 against Jemison, Shelby County, Talladega County Training School, West Blocton, and Winterboro.

Play Area 8 Champ

The Area 7 winner plays Area 8's champion, Mar. 2, at Gadsden State for the right to go to the state tournament in Tuscaloosa Mar. 5-8.

Area 8 includes Alexander, Ashville, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Piedmont, Weaver, and West End.

Athlete Teaches English--

Former MHSer Writes Poetry

By Carol Evans

People are not put into a particular category and limited to the abilities therein. A prime example of this is Dan Thornton, MHS 1961 grad, and son of agribusiness teacher M. Thornton.

Dan was class vice-president his senior year, a member of National Honor Society, and SPOTLIGHT co-editor. He played varsity baseball, basketball, and football, for which he received a scholarship to University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

Now a professor of English at Judson College, Dan and his students in creative writing have won statewide recognition in poetry contests.

Poems by Mr. Thornton himself will be included in a forthcoming issue of The Illinois Quarterly, published at Illinois State University. He has also been published in Comment at the University of Alabama and Scrimshaw at Judson.

Vincent Falls to MHS 14

A fired-up Bulldog five surprised Vincent's Yellowjackets Tuesday night by holding them scoreless throughout the first quarter and then defeating them 82-52.

Coach Gary Fleming substituted freely after the 21-0 first period, and the Bulldogs went to the locker room with a 24-point advantage (45-21) at halftime.

E. Tyus Leads

High point man for the 'Dogs was Eddie Tyus with 18 points, which included perfect free-throw shooting, 6 for 6.

Recardi Nelson, Willie Moore, and Ronnie Tyus also hit in double figures.

But not Enough

After they got going, every Yellowjacket scored at least two points. Jeff Womack led with 11.

B Team Wins

Coach Richard Gilliam's B teamers set the pace for action at Vincent Tuesday as they took a 35-31 decision in a preliminary game.

Roger Moore paced the Bullpups with 16 points. Larry Bolling scored 9.

The B's hold a 7-2 record this season.

At U of M Next Week--

County Title Goes on the Line

The Bulldogs are getting ready to defend their title as the Shelby County basketball tournament gets underway at U of M next Tuesday. "We hope to remain champions of the county," says sophomore guard Henry White.

A consolation game, set for 6:30, precedes the finals at 8:00 on Friday.

MHS	
Chelsea	8:00 Jan. 23
5:30 Jan. 22	
Ind. Sprgs.	
Shelby Co.	
7:00 Jan. 22	
Calera	6:30 Jan. 23
Thompson	
8:30 Jan. 22	
Vincent	

Admission is \$1.

It Was a Good Year--

Very well written

After Slow Start, MHS Shines in 1973

The memory bank at MHS holds many pleasant memories and some not so pleasant for the year just passed. Small disasters, honors, and athletic accomplishments dominate the mind's picture as last year's outstanding events pass in review.

Fire Hits

The year began on an unpleasant note when a fire destroyed much of the biology lab in January.



On the brighter side of the picture, though, in the same month Janice Seaman won the Betty Crocker Award and Joe Van Ells brought honor to MHS with his All-State band rating.

Troubadours Win

The Troubadours came home from district competition with an award, went on to state and rated "Excellent." Later on this group got further honors when 47 of its members received All-County citations.

Sweeping past all competition in 1972-73

the basketball team took County, Area, and Regional titles and advanced to state playoffs, where they won 3rd

place. Percy Brown and Ronnie Tyus made All-State in basketball.

The B Team took the county title a second year.

All-American

NSPA ranked SPOTLIGHT All-American for the 23rd semester, and MHS earned the state's sportsmanship award for its conduct at the state tournament.

Committee Visits

The school was reviewed by an accreditation committee from the Southern Association in March, and an all-clear report for 1972-73 was received from this organization.

In early spring

Kitti Klean proclaimed a county clean-up day for which MHSers got a day out of school to

pick up trash along the roads in Shelby County.



MOD Marchers

Thirteen students later walked 15 miles to aid in the March of Dimes cause.

Sports again took the spotlight as

Roxanne Rutledge became the first female MHSer to enter a state track meet, and Mark Crisswell and Tom Reynolds participated in state baseball tryouts.

Stephanie Mathison was named first MHS Rose Queen in the band's fund-raising beauty contest.

The 1972-73 year ended with Roxanne Rutledge and James Nix taking most of the senior honors and Dr. Bill Fancher making the commencement address.

A New Start

The 1973 - 1974 session brought new coaches Gary Fleming and Richard Gilliam and teachers Rose Ellen Hankins, James Hermecz,

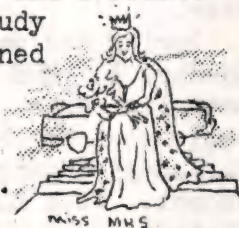
and David Nichols.

Senior Jon Goad became a National Merit finalist and was rated superior as a drum major at the Troy Marching Festival.

The band ranked "superior" at Troy and Tarrant.

Senior Judy Darden reigned

over 1973 homecoming festivities in November.



Seniors Vivian Bolling, Becky Hood, and Randie Sears were named Outstanding Teenagers of America; and Becky, Randie, and Lori Merijanian were cited for scholarship. Bonnie Williams received the DAR's Good Citizenship Award.

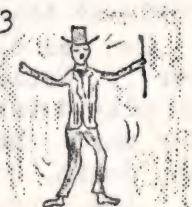
Sports Standouts

Sports made headlines again as Harry Martin and Willie Moore earned All-County football honors, and Harry made All-Conference.

The 1973-74 basketball team added two more trophies--Thompson Invitational and Mid-State Tourneys--and are pointing to State.

Closing 1973

was the PTA's fund-raising variety show which featured music, comedy, and square dancing by local talent.



1973 was definitely a good year; and despite the energy crisis, 1974 holds promises for even better things for MHS.

...John Tishler

20 Honored For All A's First Semester

One hundred four MHSers received awards last week when the first semester ended and honor ribbons were distributed.

Twenty All-A's

Twenty of these students earned A's in all subjects to win first honors.

All-A scholars are:

8th graders--Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Barry Harper, Tommy Ingram, Kim Jones, Barry Kornegay, Scott Kramer, Darrell Lawley, John Merijanlian, Chuck Reynolds, Iris Smitherman, and Mike Winslett.

Freshmen--Lynne Davis, Linda Rochester, Linda Sims, and Ricky Williams.

Sophomores--Susan Cupp, Nancy Nix, and Noel Spicer.

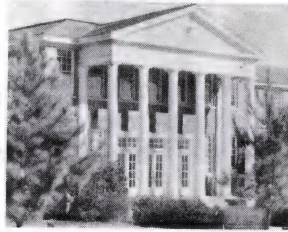
Juniors--Jimmy Day, Kim Hollon, Becky Morris, Mike Treglia, and Michele Van Landingham.

Three Seniors

Seniors--Jon Goad, Becky Hood, and Randie Sears.

Eighty-four students had an average of 85 or above for the semester.

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Family Leader of Tomorrow

Donna Pickett, Top Homemaker

Senior Donna Pickett showed her ability in the field of homemaking by being named MHS winner in the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow competition. She won the honor by competing with MHS seniors on the written knowledge and attitude test given nationwide Dec. 4.

Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pickett, is now eligible for state and national honors. She is to

receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc.

State winners receive a \$1,500 college scholarship; second prize is a \$500 grant.

This year 703,074 students from 14,463 schools were enrolled in the Betty Crocker Search, which included boys for the second year.

Donna insists, "I never dreamed I'd make the highest score. I just took the test and forgot it."

Feb. 7 Is Half Day

Students will soon get an afternoon snooze to catch up on all the sleep they've missed since Daylight Savings Time began.

School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. for Shelby County Teachers Association meeting Feb. 7.

Students Continue to Brave the Dark As Parents Favor Early School Time

School will continue at the regular hours, and MHSers will continue waking up in darkness as a proposal to hold school in Shelby County from 9:00 to 4:00 was defeated. Parents with students in all Shelby County schools voted on the question on Jan. 16; votes were tallied on Jan. 17.

Voting in favor of the 9:00 to 4:00 schedule were 2143 parents against the commanding majority of 4333 who favored maintaining the present 8:00 to 3:00 hours.

MHS parents were in agreement with the majority in voting to keep the traditional time schedule, with 244 votes for and 46 against. One write-in vote suggested that school begin at 7:00 and dismiss at 2:00.

For State Band--

Musicians Try

Musicians will sound off at Vestavia High School tomorrow as try-outs begin for All-State band.

MHSers competing for the honor are Billy Barrow, Mark Hall, John Tishler, Billy Belisle, Beth Pritchett, Becky Hood, Jon Goad, Steve Williams, and Dane Lawley.

To Start the Drive--

Schools View MOD Movie

"The March of Dimes was founded to wipe out polio, and its next goal is to rid society of birth defects," explained MHSer Randie Sears as she began her job as County Teen Chairman for MOD.

English classes were enlightened to the MOD crusade when they viewed a film on birth defects, "The American Phenomenon," Jan. 22.

Randie is traveling to county schools to show the film and answer questions concerning the March of Dimes campaign to acquaint students with the problems of birth defects.

Sophomore Gilbert Barkley exclaimed, "The film made me aware of things that can happen to people like me. I think it was well worth everyone's time to see it."

Band Eyes Dates

The band has four big dates coming up before the end of school:

Feb. 2: All-State tryouts
Mar. 1: District competition
16: All-County tryouts
Apr. 4-6: State competition

Math Team Preps

Mathematicians will be racking their brains on Feb. 9 at the annual Samford University Math Tournament. Mr. Doug Morris, MHS math teacher, is working with a team which will enter the competition.

Students planning to attend the tournament are Kim Hollon, Harry Martin, Becky Hood, and Randie Sears. Alternates will be Jimmy Day, Bobby Sherrer, and Anna McGaughy.

City Council Visits PTA Monday Night

Montevallo PTA will host the City Council Monday night at the Elementary School at 7:30.

Program chairman Ann Parker explains, "The Council, led by Mayor Ralph Sears, will present a panel discussion.

The main topic to be discussed is how the Council relates to the high school and future plans concerning the relationship.

It's News Downtown--

Recreation Offers Men's Basketball

Montevallo Recreation Department has organized a men's league for basketball. Six teams are playing a ten-game schedule of Monday nights at 6:00, in the gym.

U of M's Dr. John Walters has been named Alabama's Author of the Year for non-fiction by Alabama Library Association. The honor was given on the basis of his book, Marchant of Terror.

You can "get a horse" any day except Monday at

Dee Dee Garrett--

'Spotlight' Trains Peabody Editor

Dianne (Dee Dee) Garrett Long has taken a step up from high school newspapering to managing editor of her college paper.

Dee Dee, an English major at George Peabody College in Nashville, advanced from copy editor of the PEABODY POST to managing editor this year.

A 1970 MHS graduate, Dee Dee, a versatile student, served as SPOTLIGHT editor, as well as drum major for the band during her senior year at MHS.

SPOTLIGHT advisor Susie DeMent recalls, "No matter what kind of assignment we gave Dee Dee, she could sit down with it and come up with usable copy."

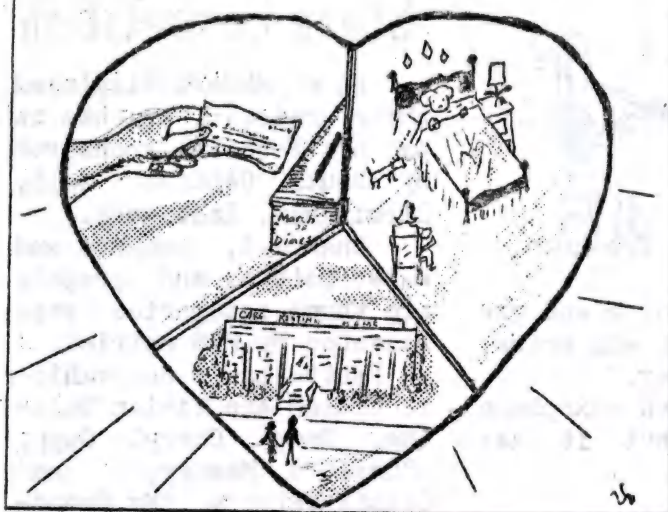


Aldrich's Western Riding Stable located at Dinkum's Crossroads. The stables are closed all day Monday.

College Night leaders for U of M's annual Purple-Gold clash are Dru Minton and Bill Beitle for Purple, while Carmon Love and Diana Durham will try to spur the Golds to victory.

College Night performances will be held Feb. 7-9 in Palmer Hall. Free tickets for Thursday night may be had by contacting guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Give Your Own Heart!



Want to Clean up?

Last year a county clean-up was sponsored by the Shelby County Kitti-Klean Committee.

All schools in the county were involved in picking up litter along the sides of roads and highways. There were no accidents involving any of the students, and the countryside benefited tremendously from the group efforts.

Since this project proved to be such a success, why not make it a yearly affair. More than likely, all the students who participated last year would be more than glad to do it again this year; and a trip through the county would convince you that it is needed.

Honor Rolls Are Misnamed

Wording of honor roll classifications has caused discussion among SPOTLIGHTers. It seems that if a student has an A or 90 average, he should be considered for first honors, regardless of having a B in any subject.

It doesn't seem fair that a person may make second or B honor roll with a C on his card as long as the average is 85, while a person may be kept off the first honor roll with a single B, yet still average A or 90.

To make the first honor roll, you must not have a grade under 90 on the report card, yet to make the B, one only has to make an average of 85 or above. If there is an exception in one case, why not the other?

If this cannot be changed, why not at least change the wording to read, A and B honor rolls, where only A's or B's are acceptable?

Merchants Help out

In times of need, local merchants have been more than willing to help MHS. MONEY! That's what they hear constantly. People beg when they're sponsoring a trip, need new uniforms, want various kinds of equipment--and then along came the drive for the French fry machine. This topped the cake.

But the merchants kindly opened their cash registers or checkbooks and gave.

For all this generosity we give the merchants in this town a big, "Thank you," for all the help they've given our school.

Give Valentines Of Love That's Real

Many people have come to look on Valentine's Day as simply a day for giving "sweets to the sweet" of their own choice. This is a selfish conception of a day meant for love.

Think of ways you can spread love to your fellow man. Give to a worthy charity, visit a patient in a nursing home, or read to a sick child.

By doing these things, you'll find your Valentine heart filled with more than mere candy.

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All-American

Oboe Adds to Band's 'Charm'

What's that strange sound from the band-room? This question is asked frequently by many musical MHSers. The question is answered quite easily when you walk into the bandroom.

You are expecting to see maybe an Indian playing to a straw basket with a cobra emerging; but instead you see a petite freshman, Lynne Davis, playing an oboe.

"The oboe is an instrument which lends color and excitement to our band," comments band director Jim Weese, "but it is a very difficult instrument to play."

Oboeist Lynne Davis says, "Since I played saxophone before, it really is a challenge for me; but it has its good points."

Due to the expense of some of the instruments, the band provides them for the students--the oboe is one such instrument.

"Perhaps if an oboe can charm a snake, it could also charm the judges at State," Lynne smiles.

In Spanish Class--

Central America Is Project Theme

Guatemala, Costa Rica, British Honduras are key words in a new study conducted by first year Spanish class. Mr. Dan Martin supervises the students on special projects covering different countries in Central America.

The class was divided into six groups which relate natural resources, history, government, etc., of the countries. Later, students are treated to refreshments.

One project is presented each week.

Freshman Freddie Thompson says, "It's a whole lot more interesting than just having class, and you can learn more."



Spanish Officers Are Shook up

Spanish Club has seen a turnover in the executive ranks as new officers were chosen to fill vacancies in top positions created by the Treglia family's move.

Tricia Corbett stepped up from vice president to replace Mike Treglia as president, and Billy Barrow is now vice president.

Patricia Thompson has taken over David Treglia's place as treasurer.

At South Central--

Artists Enter State Competition

Five MHSers displayed their artistic talents at the Art Festival sponsored by South Central Bell, Birmingham, last week.

Charcoal, tempera and water paints, and graphic are three categories represented by MHS entries.

Participants and exhibit titles are Vivian Bolling, "God;" Cheryl Cupp, "Sunset's Memory;" and Cassie Velarde, "My Grandfather." Clay and Noel Spicer's works were untitled.

Alabama's winner gets a Scholastic Art Photograph award, while a \$50 prize will be given the national competition winner.

Teacher Ann Parker says, "I'm real thrilled about it. We really worked hard on it."

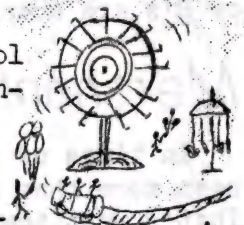
Mrs. Parker adds, "The class invites everyone to view their group display, the Friendly Dragon," in the art room.

FHA Will Entertain Children

Juniors Kathy Goggins and Anne Johnson represented Shelby County Vocational School when Future Homemakers held the County Convention at Shelby County High School Jan. 21. Kathy and Anne are members of HERO club at the vocational school.

Fifty girls participated in the convention which chose as a common goal to sponsor a fund-raising drive for Calhoun County after a plea by members of a small discussion group who knew of worthwhile projects there. Choices included helping raise a church destroyed by fire, purchasing playground equipment, or entertaining at the Crippled Children's Home.

The girls chose to have a small carnival to entertain the children. Anne Johnson comments, "It seems like a worthwhile project--one that will be fun."



Rain, Rain, Go Away--Now

Has the
sunshine
gone away
forever?

MHSers
could easily
think so as
the past few weeks have
brought a deluge of water
and muggy warm days.

The weather has even
fooled Mother Nature as she
brought forth spring flow-
ers in math teacher Doug
Morris's room for a while.

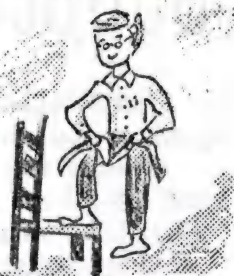
Even the birds seem a
bit confused as some have
been seen flying north.



Principal Teaches Tie Knots

It's a big jump from tying ties on
your knees to teaching a family living
class how to tie ties, but that is what
Principal W. C. Corbett says he did.

"I started to learn to tie ties at
a very young age; but I learned by put-
ting the tie just above my knee, tying
it, then slipping it off my leg and onto
my neck. After a few years of this, though, I thought
it was pretty ridiculous to do it that way; so I began to
tie the right way. That's what I told the boys in fam-
ily living," Mr. Corbett
explains.



TEACHERS SPRAY

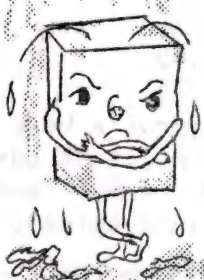
Did you see the teacher
in the door with the spray
can? Don't be alarmed--
it's only disinfectant to
fight "the bug" that is
causing so many absences.

Mr. Corbett showed three
ways to tie a tie--a Wind-
sor, half Windsor, and a
four-in-hand--when he vis-
ited the family living
class as they completed a
unit on tie making.

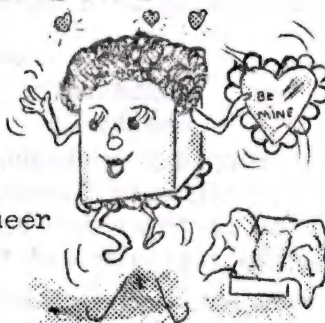
By the end of the class
period, everyone, includ-
ing teacher Rose Ellen
Hankins, could tie at least
one type of knot.

Miss Hankins comments,
"We appreciate Mr. Corbett
coming over and showing us
these knots; it was most
fascinating."

LOCKER LAUGHS



Although the rain
Keeps coming down
And many MHSers
Wear a frown,
It's time for
Laughter, love and Cheer
For Valentine's Day
Is drawing near.



Mrs. Gwen Mitchell,
Gary Lucas, and Phillip
Garrett were discussing the
purchase of the new French
fryer when Gary said, "I
will be willing to give a
\$1 if you can get a gold-
plated fryer."

Phillip replied, "Yeah,
then we could have golden
brown French fries."

Senior Lynn Nix contri-
buted 25¢ toward the pur-
chase of the deep fat fryer.
Homeroom teacher Linda
Sproul inquired, "Do you
want change back?"

Lynn quipped, "No. Keep
it and buy some catsup to
go on the French fries."

SPOTLIGHTer Melody Put-
man was questioning staff
members about when Kitty
Klean Day would be held
again.

She confusedly asked,
"When will they have Kitty
Litter Day again?"

Mrs. Ann Parker related
an anecdote about the ele-
mentary school student who
was late to school on the
first day of Daylight Sav-
ings Time.

His principal questioned,
"Why were you absent?"

The boy quickly replied,
"I missed the bus last
night."

Seniors Will Have Special Invitations

Seniors
took a step
closer to
graduation as
they ordered
invitations Jan. 23.



Mr. H. Brock, Balfour
Company's representative,
specially designed the an-
nouncements for MHS.

The invitations will
bear an orange and blue
crest in the shape of a
triangular shield contain-
ing a drawing of the lamp
of knowledge, scales of
justice, Bulldog, and MHS.

Bulldogs Roar past Champs

Montevallo put it in high gear in the second half to upset state champ St. Jude 66-38, here, Jan. 18.

Evenly matched in the first half, Bulldogs fell behind 23-22 at intermission as Jude's Mose Smith hit for two points from top of the key as the buzzer sounded.

Percy Brown quickly put MHS ahead in the third period when he dropped in a field goal as the quarter started. St. Jude found the basket only once in the entire quarter while the Bulldogs score 15 more points.

Moore Gets Hot

Eight points, 31-39, was as close as Jude could come in the final period as hot-handed Willie Moore hit 12 points in that quarter.

Percy led the Bulldogs in scoring and rebounding, dropping in 20 points and pulling away 17 rebounds.

Everybody Scores

All five starters who played the entire game got in on the scoring.

Moore, Ronnie Tyus, and Recardi Nelson put in 14 apiece; Eddie Tyus had 4.

Ronald Grace, with 10 points, was top scorer for the losing Pirates who had beaten the Bulldogs earlier this season 73-56 at Montgomery.

B Team Loses

A tall, tall B team from St. Jude built up an early lead and coasted to a 62-28 win over the Bullpups.

What's Left

The remaining basketball schedule looks like this:

Feb. 1 .. At West Blocton
7 ... Thompson, here
8 .. At Dallas County
11 At Jemison
15 Vincent, here
18 .. At Shelby County
19 .. Dallas Co., here
22 . At Indian Springs
Area . Region . State

Juniors Win

After losing their first two games, Coach Johnnie McClain's junior team got up steam and walloped Chelsea 57-16, Jan. 24.

In their first two outings the Juniors fell to Thompson 42-27 and to Shelby County 42-32.

Coach McClain boasts, "After their slow start, the team is improving with every game."

Substitutes Star--

Shelby Is Easy Victory

After a slow starting first quarter, Bulldogs exploded to a 20-point halftime lead to beat Shelby County 65-33 here Jan. 21. The Wildcats could score only one point in the second period.

High scoring by Ronnie Tyus with 15 points and Percy Brown with 11 cleared the path for the MHS victory.

Scoring by Quarters

Montevallo	16	17	16	16	65
Shelby Co.	12	1	10	10	33

Donald Porter scored 10 points as the Wildcat's best.

Coach Gary Fleming gave MHS substitutes a lot of action in the third and fourth quarters. Jay Jones and Lewis Prentice led this group with eight points apiece.

Spectators Represent School

Soon the Alabama High School Basketball championship playoffs will begin, and MHS has more than a basketball rating to uphold. Last year the Bulldogs came home third in the state in basketball and No. 1 in the State in sportsmanship, winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Good Sportsmanship trophy.

This year we hope to be No. 1 on the court; our fine basketball team will have to take care of that. But another sportsmanship trophy will be up to us, the students and guests attending the games should we make it.

Good sportsmanship demands being courteous to visitors both on and off the field of play, commending and applauding good sportsmanship by the opposing team, expressing disapproval of abusive remarks, and responding to calls from the cheerleaders.

Remember that a student spectator represents his school just as does the athlete and that a good name for the school depends on both.

(Carol Evans)

MHS 55; Thompson 54 in Finals--

17-2 Is Record--

Montevallo Grabs County Title

A third basketball trophy this season joined those already crowding the trophy case as the Bulldogs took the county title for a second year in a row Jan. 25, at U of M. The 'Dogs easily defeated Indian Springs, 65-44, in the semi finals and squeezed by Thompson, 55-54, in a photo-finish final match.

Indian Springs Easy

Percy Brown scored 13 points as game leader and Eddie Tyus followed closely with 12 against Indian Springs in an easy victory. However, Friday night offered a different type of competition as Thompson matched the Bulldogs evenly in the first half. The lead changed hands 13 times during the game before Montevallo came out victor, 55-54.

The Warriors led 18-17 at the end of the first period, and MHS was up by one at halftime, 29-28.

MHS Leads by 5

In the third quarter Montevallo took the biggest lead of the game, 47-42.

But Mike Oden, MVP, who scored 30 points on the night, soon took care of that; and with 27 seconds remaining, the Warriors were leading 54-53.

After the Bulldogs took a time out, Eddie Tyus got the inbound pass and drove in for the winning basket.

Moore Rebounds

With seven seconds remaining, Thompson had the ball at mid-court for one last effort.

O. J. Tannehill fired a shot for the Warriors that hit the rim and fell into the waiting hands of Willie Moore, who beat out Oden under the basket to claim the winning rebound.

Ronnie Tyus was high pointmaker for the 'Dogs; he scored 14 points. Percy, who was out of the game in the fourth quarter due to fouls, added 11.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	17	12	18	8	55
THS	18	10	14	12	54

Bulldogs Stun Gardendale

Hot outside shooting proved the key factor in the Bulldogs' big 75-55 win over Gardendale there Tuesday night.

Red Hot

MHS hit a blistering 75% from the field in the first quarter to completely humiliate the Rockets, 24-4. Percy Brown, Recardi Nelson, Eddie and Ronnie Tyus had six points apiece.

Bulldog Scoring

	FG	FT	FTA	TP
Brown, P.	7	1	4	15
Moore, W.	3	1	3	7
Nelson, R.	7	4	4	18
Tyus, E.	4	3	5	11
Brown, T.	3	0	0	6
Tyus, R.	4	0	0	8
Cottingham	1	0	1	2
Jones, J.	2	2	2	6
Prentice, L.	0	2	4	2

Top scorers for Gardendale were Ramon Sharitt, with 14, and Mark Ray, 13.

17-2 Record

The win gives the Bulldogs a 17-2 record as they face the top competition in the area, West Blocton, tonight at Blocton. Of the 17 wins, 12 have been over 3A schools while the Bulldogs are classed in 2A.

TOURNAMENT SCORES

I. Springs 45; Calera 43
Shelby 55; Chelsea 52
Thompson 71; Vincent 46
Thompson 58; Shelby 43
MHS 65; I. Springs 44
Shelby 60; I. Springs 41
MHS 55; Thompson 54

In State --

MHS Ranks 3rd

Bulldogs look as if they are once again on the trail to state as they are officially ranked No. 3 in the state by Birmingham's Post Herald. This rating has nothing to do with the state playoffs.

Teams ahead of MHS are Florala and Oneonta.

3 Bulldogs Make All-County

Three Bulldogs made the All-County basketball team last Friday night at the conclusion of the tournament at U of M. All seven participating schools had players named for the honor, with Montevallo and Thompson, the No. 1 and 2 teams, placing three each on the list.

Here's the squad: MHS--Percy Brown, Willie Moore, Ronnie Tyus; Thompson--James Tannehill, Steve Luker, Mike Oden (MVP); Calera--Willie Lacey; Chelsea--Ike Young; Indian Springs--Gary Morrow; Shelby County --Dickey Porter; and Vincent--Kenny Fair.

Cafeteria Gets 'French Fryer'

French fries at MHS will soon be hot and crisp due to the purchase of a new deep fat fryer for the lunchroom. Senior John Miller got a fund-raising campaign rolling Jan. 21 to purchase the fryer, and within a week, donations totaling \$91 had been received from students and local merchants.

Lunchroom workers have expressed their appreciation to the students and agree that the fryer will make their work a lot easier on the days the cafeteria serves French fries.

Supervisor Gwen Mitchell says, "When we get our fryer, we want to invite the merchants who helped us to come over for a French fries dinner."

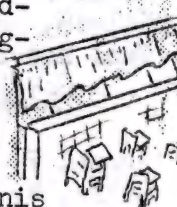
Curtains Brighten, Quieten Classroom

MHS had a budding, new spring-time look added on Jan. 10.

Mr. Don Benton, who is replacing Mr. Dennis Draper this semester, hung bright yellow curtains at his windows to keep outside people from disturbing his classes.

"Since my classroom is on the breezeway, people seem to think they have to make noise when they go by," Mr. Benton explains.

"My wife was creator of the curtains," he adds.



Just a Visit--

No Couse for Alarm

"Where's the fire?" MHS students may have asked that question Jan. 16 when Mr. Ed Blake from the Montevallo Fire Department brought the fire engine to show Mr. David Nichols's special ed Class.

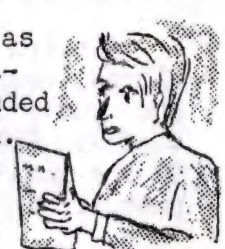
Mr. Blake explained the different parts of the truck and answered questions.

Mr. Nichols comments, "Chief Mike Mahan promised the boys a ride on the truck at a later date."

Among Seniors--

Armed Forces Test Prospects

It looked as though the Marines had landed at MHS on Jan. 25 as members from each branch of the armed services visited to administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test.

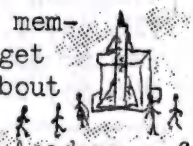


All senior boys and several girls took the test, designed to stimulate interest in service jobs and training opportunities.

Air Force recruiter Leonard Madderra administered the test. He was assisted by Army Staff Sergeant Bernie Brown, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Roy Sharp, and Naval Chief Petty Officer Sal Carvajal.

Academy of Science Plans Space Trip

Science club members will soon get to learn more about space travel.



The Junior Academy of Science is planning to visit the Space Center in Huntsville within the next few weeks.

The students will stay overnight on the base, provided with food and sleeping quarters.

Chaperones include Mr. Jim Hermecz and Mrs. Joanna McGaughy.

Steel Studied

Students in agribusiness got a first hand look at steel products Jan. 17 as they ended a unit on "How Steel is Made."

Instructors M. Thornton and David Kirkpatrick accompanied them on a tour of Abex Co., in Calera.

Musicians Visit Troy State

Seniors Jon Goad, Dane Lawley, and Jim Oppert toured Troy University Jan. 17. They were guided by the director of bands, Dr. John M. Long, who commented, "We have one of the best music departments in the nation."

The three seniors were treated to free lunch and received an invitation to one of Troy's concerts.

Jim says, "I had planned to attend University of Montevallo, but I am now very much inspired to attend Troy. The school's atmosphere is such that all professors and students seem willing to help in any way."

Goad, Hood Pass--

Saxophonists Make All-State

MHS saxophone section played on the hearts of the judges and Becky Hood and Jon Goad were named to All-State Bands in competition Feb. 2 at Vestavia High School, Birmingham.

Becky, on alto, placed second; and Jon, on tenor, did likewise.

Candidates for this honor were judged on prepared exercises, prepared solos, scales, and sight reading.

Jon and Becky will go to Auburn University to perform in concert with other state players over the AEA holidays.

"I really didn't expect to make it; but when I did, I was really excited over it," Becky beams.

Mark these Dates

Basketball dominates the calendar as spring rapidly approaches:

Feb. 26, 28, Mar. 1-- Area Tournament

Mar. 6-9--State Tourney

Mar. 7--Teachers Meeting

Mar. 11-15--Spring Vacation

May 10--Awards Day

May 20--Graduation

Day, Tishler Lead Good Citizens

Junior Jimmy Day and sophomore John Tishler will attend the eighteenth annual Alabama Conference on Citizenship. The theme of the conference, to be held tomorrow at the Governor's House Motel in Montgomery, is "Citizenship in Action."

Named by faculty appointment, representatives were chosen for outstanding scholarship and good citizenship. Students in grades nine through eleven were eligible.

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Report Is All-Clear--

SACS Says MHS 'OK'

MHS has received the seal of approval for the school year 1973-74 from the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges Principal W. C. Corbett announces.

To receive the certificate, faculty and administration spent many hours filling out reports to send the accreditation reviewing committee. Every teacher was required to meet certain specifications, the library had to be up to standard, and every department was looked into.

The school building itself posed the major problem cited by the committee, but renovation is assured by the Shelby County Board of Education for the near future according to Mr. Corbett. This assurance was passed on to the committee he says.

Mr. Corbett adds, "We are happy to receive this certificate and are looking forward to the many improvements promised us."

Mr. Corbett will soon be on the judging end of school evaluation. He will serve as a member of a reviewing committee for Dallas County High School in March.

Hospitalized--

Secretary Suffers Shoulder Injury

Mrs. Opal Long, school secretary, had a temporary break in her daily routine at MHS. She was hospitalized Feb. 5 when she severely injured her shoulder in a fall at her home in Calera.

Mrs. Long remained in St. Vincent's hospital for six days before returning home for an approximate 10-day recuperation period.

Principal W. C. Corbett explains, "We miss her a great deal. She holds one of the hardest positions on the faculty and staff to replace."

Governor Visits Montevallo

February 12 was a big day for Montevallo as it was proclaimed Governor's Day. Activities began at 12:30 with a flag raising ceremony which over 100 MHSers attended.

At the conclusion of the flag raising, luncheon guests, including Principal W. C. Corbett, filed into the U of M's Main Dining Hall. Rev. Paul Gauntt gave the invocation and Representative Tom Stubbs served as emcee for the luncheon. Dr. Kermit Johnson, U of M president, introduced Governor Wallace who spoke briefly.

At 2:00 p.m. the Governor addressed the U of M students in convocation. Guests there included faculty members and local citizens.

MHS junior Steve Williams was honored by being invited to play in the U of M band for the occasion.

Ball Game Benefits March of Dimes

MHSers will soon be "on the ball" to raise donations for March of Dimes. A benefit game starring student groups is planned for the near future.

County teen chairman Randie Sears says, "All other county schools are raising exorbitant amounts of money. We have to get busy here at MHS; we certainly want to match them."

Citizens--

The MHSers were further honored by being selected leaders of one of the 25 discussion groups. They will be accompanied to the conference by Mr. Don Benton, social studies teacher.

Jimmy comments, "I really don't know what to expect at the conference, but I consider it an honor to get to go."

U of M Students Teach Home Ec

Two new faces will be seen by practicing homemakers in the home economics department Feb. 18.

Student teachers from U of M, Claire Stewart and Martha Haygood, will join Mrs. Junnie Craig and Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins to begin nine weeks' training.

It's News Downtown--

U of M Celebrates, Honors Governor

The U of M's College Night Purples wowed the judges Feb. 9 with their "Freak Show."

The win puts Purples 28-26 over the Golds after several years of stalemate.

MHS is again guaranteed miniature mascot footballs for the 1974 season.

Smitherman's Pharmacy will furnish the white balls with orange stripes and blue imprints. Concepts, Inc. has written that they will hold them until August when the balls will be shipped to MHS for Smitherman's.

Film Pictures Careers in Science

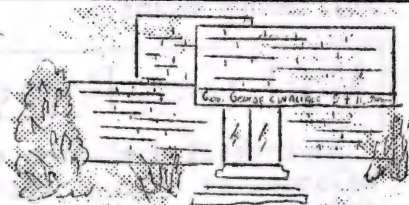
Mike Melton, representative from United Electronics, will visit MHS Feb. 20 to introduce technical scientific careers to students.

The special showing of a film will be presented for seniors only at 8:30 in the auditorium.

Later in the day, various science classes will be given an opportunity to view the film.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony comments, "The purpose of the film is to show students some jobs in the technical field for which they may be interested in training."

No admission will be charged for the showing.

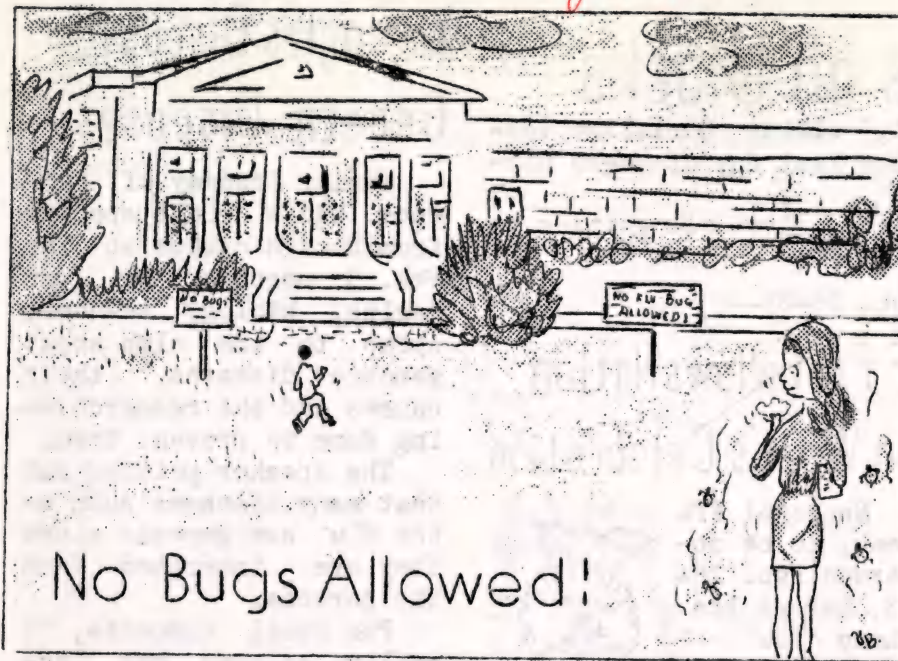


Governor George C. Wallace, distinguished guest of University of Montevallo, Feb. 12, was honored when the speech and hearing center was dedicated in his name during an address to college faculty, staff, students, and local citizens in Palmer Auditorium.

The center will be called George C. Wallace Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Children at Montevallo Elementary School have contributed \$140.28 to the March of Dimes drive, according to Mrs. Doris Jetter, principal.

EDITORIALS . . .



Award Attendance or Grades?

Why should people who really care be penalized for being absent? "Students may exempt semester tests if they maintain a C average and have a perfect attendance," states the handbook.

The policy seems inadequate. It was intended to keep students at school, but it isn't accomplishing its purpose. Unfortunately, those whom the rule intends to keep at school couldn't care less, while others who do care and are absent only when necessary are hurt when they have to miss.

Why not award people who make A's an exemption. This would be an incentive for better grades, while the rule which states that a student loses credit for a course if he is absent 10 days without a doctor's excuse would hopefully take care of absences. Students who strive for good grades won't have excessive absences anyway.

The Bug Doesn't Care

"Keep off the campus" should be said by MHSers to fellow students who are victims of the current virus epidemic. Coming to school with the sniffles and spreading germs could cause the school to lose a teacher next year since teacher units depend on average daily attendance.

Being considerate enough to keep your germs at home shows more consideration than sending a card to your friend after you have caused him an illness.

Truck Strike Affects All

Our economy is like a chain. If one link is missing, the whole chain is useless. Recently we have felt the effects of a missing link in our nation's trucking system.

The Independent Truckers' strike against the high cost of diesel fuel and low speed limits has resulted in little or no gas, slowed produce delivery, delayed building materials, closed schools, and, most of all, horrible violence on the highways.

A one percent freight increase was passed by the ICC to make up for the increased fuel price, and further negotiations are underway to satisfy truckers.

Striking hardly seems the most effective or humane solution to the problem at hand.

All of us have time limits to meet, and we all pay high gas prices. If truckers think they are the only people having a hard time making ends meet, then that is a false and immature way of thinking.

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All-American

For Black History Week--

Spotlight Shines on Blacks

"Black is truly beautiful," claims Christine Vassar as the school celebrates the last day of Negro History Week, Feb. 11-15.

This is a time set aside to give recognition to famous negroes who have contributed greatly to the advancement of blacks.

Classroom studies include filmstrips on civil rights movements and discussions on the emancipation proclamation.

Girls in vocational English presented biographies of some outstanding blacks of the past and present.

Bulletin boards symbolizing black progress and the people who have contributed to the advancement of the race are also displayed in the halls of the Alice Boyd building and in the library.

Marla Jones, an 8th grader, expresses her feelings, "This was really a week to express our pride and dignity."

Club Dines Out In Spanish Style

Spanish Club members dined Mexican style when they traveled to Hoover Feb. 7.

Their luncheon menu at El Palacia Restaurant included such delicacies as tacos, enchiladas, tamales, and frijoles.

Sponsor Dan Martin comments, "It was a good opportunity for the students to learn what Spanish speaking people eat, along with how they speak. Also, many found the surprise to Mexican food--it's Hot!"



Feb. 16-23--

FFA Follows Nation In Week's Celebration

National FFA Week, to be observed Feb. 16-23, has as its theme "For Tomorrow's Agriculture."

Special emphasis will be given in the local chapter to exploratory occupational studies and job opportunity surveys according to agribusiness teacher M. Thornton.

Feb. 19 has been designated as "Firestone Day" by MHS ag students.

Mr. Morris Horton and Elton Horton, former FFA president, along with Jerry Montgomery, territory representative, will address the local chapter.

Points in tire and vehicle maintenance and safety will be part of the information given.



A Real Bargain here--

Kitchen Helpers Are for Sale

Favorite Recipes of Alabama's Vocational Home Economics Teachers is the title of MHS Homemakers' "best seller." The book published every year contains favorite recipes of home economics teachers around the state and will be sold by home ec students. The book is sponsored by students in home economics.

Books may be purchased by contacting teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins. Mrs. Hankins says, "A cookbook for \$1.50 is a good buy. The recipes are good and it is a very helpful book."

Dr. Eagles Discusses Genetic Diseases

Junior Academy of Science had a guest speaker from U of M campus at the Feb. 5 meeting. Dr. Jan Eagles, biology teacher, spoke to the club about genetic diseases, their causes and the research being done to prevent them.

The speaker pointed out that many diseases such as the flu are genetic since they are inherited from the parents.

Pam Steel comments, "I really enjoyed her lecture; I hope the club can continue to have speakers like her."

Band Faces District Trials

District competition is ahead, and the band is off and running. This group has a date with three judges March 1 at Shades Valley High School.

Mr. Jim Weese, director, comments, "I believe if we get past District this year, we will have the best chance since I have been here of making a superior at State."

They're Everywhere You Look--

Bulletin Boards Add Color

By John Tishler

Teachers use colorful bulletin boards to brighten dreary days as well as to present a message.

Mr. Dan Martin has posted maps and flags of Central American countries, while typing teacher Susie DeMent calls "Everything Beautiful" as she proudly displays her students' best work.

Mrs. Linda Sproul's room has a board on poetry by students, and Mr. Lawrence McGraw and Mr. Johnnie McClain welcome everyone with Civil Defense ideas.

Mrs. Ann Parker colorfully points up her art class's achievements; and, of course, the board in the foyer charts the Bulldogs' road to State.

The Alice Boyd building contributes some of the best boards in the school. Mrs. Blanche Coger has an up-to-date announcement on Black History posted in the hall, while Mrs. Maenolia McGraw honors Negroes in History.

Drivers Ed teacher Charles Martin has placed traffic signs and posters about the room in a brightened atmosphere. Mrs. Martha McDonald reminds students of important dates in February.

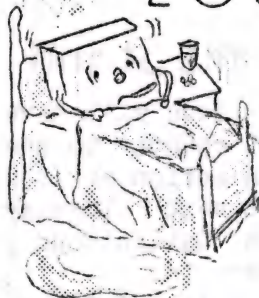
And if teachers continue to use bulletin boards like these, it shows they are trying to do what Mrs. Joan Jones suggests with her display, "Plant a Think Tank in Your Environment--and Watch the Mind Grow."

School Bottles Bug

Who says bugs are small defenseless creatures? The bug which visited MHS during the past two weeks left a trail of absences as high as 80 to 85 per day.

The battle cry for many students seemed to be "ah-choo!", and tissue stocks must have hit an all-time high.

Panicky teachers armed themselves with disinfectant spray with which to attack "guilty" students as they walked through the door. Evidently this did some good since absences were down this week.



Our funnies have
Been rather slow;
Old Flu Bug's
Made his round.
But now we're up
And rarin' to go
He couldn't
Keep us down!

Sheila Robinson and Carol Clark were discussing refreshments for a first-year Spanish class program. Sheila asked, "Where do we get pineapples from?"

Carol quickly answered, "I think they have some at Food Center."

Lori Merijanlian asked Spanish teacher Dan Martin, "Mr. Martin, may I go and check my mail?"

Jimmy Day interrupted jokingly, "Yeah, and may I go check my female?"

Stephen Fancher Explores Deep

MHS will soon have its own aquanaut as Stephen Fancher attends Rip Tide, Diving School's scuba diving classes on Thursday nights in Homewood.



After eight weeks of lessons and simulated diving in a swimming pool, the students will be considered ready to hit the deep, according to Stephen.

The class plans a check-out dive at either Smith Lake or Panama City soon. Later, students will be eligible to sign up for other projects such as diving for Civil War relics.

LOCKER LAUGHS



Members of Mr. Doug Morris's geometry class were discussing the truckers' strike when Randie Sears offered her solution, "We need to hand them a sign which reads, 'Just keep on truckin'.'"

As 10th graders quizzed each other on the play, "The Miracle Worker," Greg Merijanlian asked, "What was the name of the institute Anne Sullivan came from? Shelia Tripp replied, "Smithsonian?"

Basketball Nears Finish Line

Only four regular season games remain for the Bulldogs before they head for the Area Tournament which holds the key to the state biggie. Here's what is left:

Vincent, tonight, H
Shelby, Feb. 18, T
Dallas County, Feb. 19, H
Indian Springs, Feb. 22, T

Believers--

Two Say, 'State!'

Are the Bulldogs going to State?

Fans with faith say without a doubt that the basketball team is State bound for a third year in a row, but some people are skeptical.

Perhaps these doubters don't attend games regularly and watch the way the Bulldogs operate. Perhaps they don't give the team the support they should.

In any case we're pulling for the Bulldogs to be No. 1 in the state, and we believe!

Cheerleaders,
Tricia Corbett
Judy Darden

Warriors 63; Bulldogs 60--

Thompson Takes 3-Point Victory

On Feb. 7 Thompson's Warriors got revenge for their heartbreaking loss in the finals of the county tournament to MHS. The Warriors came from under a 12-point second quarter deficit to edge the 'Dogs 63-60 at MHS.

Behind by eight going into the final period, Mike Oden staged a 13-point comeback to upset the Bulldogs. Recardi Nelson of Montevallo shared the night's scoring honors with Oden; both had 25 points.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	12	20	14	14	60
THS	13	15	12	23	63

Blocton Falls by One Point--

Bulldogs Barely Skin Tigers

Tempers flared last Friday night as Montevallo extended its record to 18-2 with a seat-raising 49-48 victory over the Tigers at West Blocton. Earlier this season the Bulldogs took a two-point decision.

The end of an action-packed first quarter showed the Tigers on top 12-11, but the fired-up Bulldogs came back to take a 23-19 halftime lead which they never gave up.

'Dogs Score Big in Third

The 'Dogs dominated the third quarter, scoring 16 points to Blocton's 10, and went into the final frame leading by 10 points, 39-29.

After a quick basket by Recardi Nelson, MHS was ahead by 12. But then the cool Tigers dropped in 11 unanswered points before the startled Bulldogs calmed down with the count 41-40. Five game-saving free throws in the closing minutes paid off for Montevallo.

Hold on to One Point

Even though the raging Tigers never led the Bulldogs after the first period, they stayed within one point throughout most of the final quarter.

All staters Percy Brown and Ronnie Tyus led the way to the victory with 14 and 12 points. Big Steve Preston sparked the losers with 17 points.

Last Home Stand

Bulldog fans will have their last chance to see the team in action on the home court next Tuesday night when Dallas County Hornets swarm in.

Dallas is one of ten 3A schools on MHS's schedule.

Girls Do Flips Over Gymnastics

Girls PE teacher Dot Bishop has her students rolling, bouncing, and flipping as they engage in activities in gymnastics, balance beam, and trampoline.

"Most of the girls enjoy the activities and try hard to learn new stunts, which they will put into a routine to perform in class," Miss Bishop says.

Junior Virginia Morris explains, "Our routines require the use of four mats and must be very graceful. Some of the stunts I have chosen are handstand, backstand, back straddle, fish flop, split, and pike."

Hot 'Dogs Win--Jemison Is
Victim No. 20

The hot handed Bulldogs proved they were worthy of their fourth place state ranking Monday night by overpowering Jemison 77-57.

Playing at Jemison, the Bulldogs had a low scoring first quarter, but an explosive attack led by Percy Brown who had 20 points in the first half, gave them a 45-20 halftime lead.

Brown finished the game with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Recardi Nelson and Ronnie Tyus had 15 and 14 points respectively.

Willie Stone paced the Panthers with 29 points.

Coach Begins
Thinking Football

Meetings of all boys interested in going out for football will be held Feb. 25 and 26 in the gym.

Coach Richard Gilliam explains, "We won't have a definite date for spring training until we know the outcome of our basketball season."

Jamboree Goes to Calera--

Watts Earns Coach-of-Year

Thompson's coach, Herman Watts, was named Basketball Coach-of-the-Year Feb. 6 when coaches and principals from around the county met at MHS lunchroom. While dining on baked ham and apple pie a la mode, the coaches named Watts to the honor and discussed the upcoming Junior High and B Team Tournaments to be held at Chelsea.

The group also made tentative plans for the Spring Training jamboree in football to be held at Calera.

Coach Watts, in his third year with the Warriors, is a former member of the U of M's Falcon basketball team. He coached one year at Calera before going to Thompson. His Warriors have an 11-10 record, with most of their losses coming early in the season.

Time for the Showdown--

It's Do or Die for Cogers

West Blocton will host the Area 7 Tournament Feb. 26, 28, and Mar. 1. This meet helps determine whether or not the Bulldogs go to the State Tournament Mar. 6-9. Area 7 winner plays Area 8 winner at Gadsden State Junior College on Mar. 2 to determine a Region champ to go to the State meet.

MHS will be sitting out the first round at West Blocton since the Bulldogs' 20-3 record gave them the only bye in the tournament of seven teams.

In first night action, Feb. 26, Winterboro will go against Talladega County Training School at 6:30 and Montevallo gets the winner on Thursday night at 6:30.

Also on the 26th, Vincent clashes with Shelby County at 5:00, and Jemison plays West Blocton at 8:00. The winners of these games will play in semi-finals on Thursday night immediately after Montevallo's game.

The final game is set for 7:30 Friday. No consolation game is on the schedule in Area play.

On Saturday night Area 7 winner travels to Gadsden State Junior College to challenge the Area 8 winner for a State berth.

Jamboree, Apr. 5

Bulldogs have football action scheduled for April 5 when they will take part in the annual county football Jamboree, scheduled this year for Calera.

Montevallo plays Vincent again this year. This game is the first one on the Jamboree schedule; it begins at 6:30.

Thompson plays Shelby County next, followed by Calera vs. Chelsea.

Bulldogs Blast
Dallas County 67-47

The weather was cold at Plantersville last Friday, but MHS was hot as the Bulldogs won their 19th game by defeating Dallas County High 67-47.

Three Bulldogs hit in double figures with Ronnie Tyus leading the way with 19 points. Recardi Nelson had 16; Percy Brown, 12.

High point man for Dallas was Van Pettaway. He scored 16.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	11	24	11	21	67
DCHS	8	13	14	12	47

Roger Moore put in 25 points for the Bullpups as they defeated the Dallas County B's 35-30.

To Save Gasoline--

Teachers Take the Bus

Conserving energy was the name of the game for Montevallo teachers as they took a bus ride to county teachers meeting Feb. 7. Superintendent Elvin Hill gave schools permission to use the buses to conserve gas.

Snacks for the trip were provided by elementary school teacher Daen Nathews as the group chatted noisily on the way to their destination in Columbiana.

Bus driver David Nichols says, "I had to remind some of the teachers to leave the driving to me, since there were so many back seat drivers; but, overall, it was a pretty good trip."

Many county teachers from other schools also arrived in buses, and Superintendent Hill jokingly commented, "I haven't had any complaints of discipline problems yet from the drivers."

3 Hours a Day--

Teacher Must Find Another Occupation

Home economics teacher Rose Ellen Hankins will go into another profession for at least three hours a day. This assignment among others, is part of a graduate course at the U of M in which she is enrolled.

She will participate in a practicum experience and will be engaged in some occupation other than teaching.

Mrs. Hankins comments, "This will give me insight into jobs available for students with home economics training and an understanding of the skills necessary for students to obtain employment after graduation."

Doughnuts Roll Into Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTers became pastry peddlers Feb. 8. Their wares consisted of 200 dozen doughnuts which sold for 75¢ per dozen.

According to sponsor Linda Sproul the \$64 profit will be used in buying supplies for the SPOTLIGHT for the remainder of the year.

Melody Putman comments, "It looked like a mighty big pile of doughnuts, but people bought them in a hurry."

For Scholarships--

Huntingdon Visitor Describes Program

Miss Marietta Roy, admissions counselor from Huntingdon College, visited MHS Feb. 5 to talk to individual students and to Mr. Gary Fleming's classes.

The purpose of Miss Roy's visit was to inform interested students about admission requirements at Huntingdon in Montgomery.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony comments, "I was impressed with the scholarship program that she explained. It sounded interesting."

Academy Shows 'Tales of Terror'

Students got a break from busy school work Wednesday when they viewed a movie sponsored by Junior Academy of Science.

The movie, "The Tales of Terror," was from a collection of Edgar Allen Poe's stories.

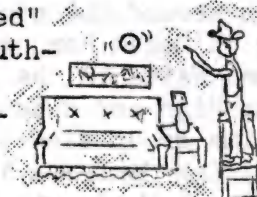
Admissions of 50¢ will help finance the club's visit to the Space Center at Huntsville.

Speaker Describes Fire Alarm

"Getting prepared for the Unexpected" was the topic discussed by Mr. Pete Guthrie when he lectured to Mr. Johnnie McClain's civic classes during his recent visit to the school.

Mr. Guthrie, a volunteer fireman, centered his talks around Montevallo's Fire Department and its new Plectron System (an alarm system posted in all the firemen's homes).

Ninth grader Thomas Brown says, "His talk was interesting as well as educational."



Afro-American History Week

Theme: The Black Experience, 1974: Helping America to Understand

In observance of Afro-American History Week, Montevallo High School had a series of programs, class assignments, reports, and films which highlighted life stories and accomplishments of some of the nation's leading blacks. Following are reports from some of the teachers.

A Closer Look

This week has been dedicated to a closer look at history. We have tried to develop a view of the notable contributions and accomplishments of the Negro.

The experiences of the Negro from 1860 to the present has been the center of discussion. However some groups chose to discuss the Negro in the areas of civil rights, education, music, sports, etc.

All classes used pictures, films, and recordings about Negroes.

(Lawrence McGraw)

Biographical Sketches

The 8th grade English classes have chosen Negroes in literature and prepared biographical sketchbooks of these writers.

Class discussions centered around how the writer's poetical, fictional, and non-fictional works convey the richness and variety of the Negro's experience in the Western Hemisphere.

(Maenolia McGraw)

Emancipation Proclamation

During the week we have discussed black leaders in history. Some which were

noted are Air Force General Ben Davis, Thurgood Marshall, and Ralph Bunch.

We also tied in a study of the Emancipation Proclamation and its significance in black history with Abraham Lincoln's birthday celebration.

(Don Benton)

Reports, Posters

History classes are doing reports, posters, playing music, and making talks about famous blacks. We are integrating this work into our daily classwork throughout this week.

English classes are doing book reports on books written by or about blacks.

(Johnnie McClain)

Oral Reports

Through written and oral reports, girls in the vocational English class became acquainted with some new outstanding blacks.

Each student chose one black who had become outstanding in his chosen field. After doing some research, the girls then wrote papers and gave reports on the person they had chosen.

Some blacks studied are Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, Mahalia Jackson, and Jesse Owens.

All Fields Of Accomplishments

Black History Week was observed in all 8th grade classes as a means of informing some and inspiring other students through a project, suggested by the teacher, which was designed to emphasize the role Blacks have played in the progress of their country.

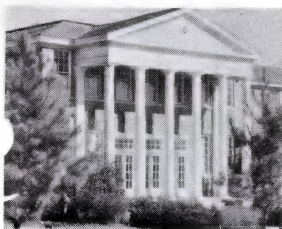
All classes were divided into groups with members of each group doing research to find out who had made great achievements in their particular fields.

Very interesting facts were revealed when students realized that many Blacks, both men and women, had achieved success in the sciences and industry, in music, in religion and art, in government, in the entertainment field, and in sports.

Many interesting activities were engaged in such as bulletin boards, displays, posters, class reports, filmstrips and recordings.

Many students are expressing themselves favorable about the project and the teacher feels that if America is to survive, all Americans must know and appreciate the work of all other Americans.

(Blanche Coger)



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OLE! AND AWAY TO MEXICO

SPANISH STUDENTS and instructor chart their spring vacation trip to Mexico. (Left to right) Julie Walker, Teresa Holland, Michele Van Landingham, Lynn Nix, Mr. Dan Martin, Ronnie Ferguson, and Dennis O'Quinn

Mexico Lures Spanish Students--

School Takes Spring Break

Spring holidays, Mar. 11-15, may mean only play to MHS students, but teachers will still be working part of the time at the AEA Convention in Birmingham. Taking advantage of "play," are six Spanish students and teacher who will make a tour flight to Mexico.

Dreaming of sombreros, tacos, and bullfights are Ronnie Ferguson, Teresa Holland, Lynn Nix, Dennis O'Quinn, Michele Van Landingham, Julie Walker, and teacher Dan Martin.

Mr. Martin comments, "Everyong is looking forward to going because some have never flown before. I get excited when I think of seeing the bullfights."

School will resume after the holidays at 8:15 a.m. on Mar. 18.

Reports Today

Students will return to homerooms today at 2:45 to receive report cards.

At PTA, March 4--

Speakers Tell of New Services

"What's New in Montevallo" will be discussed at the Mar. 4 PTA meeting at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation director Eric Stipe will reveal upcoming plans for recreation; and Mrs. Mary Alice Ballentine, library board chairman, will discuss removal of the library to the Depot after renovations are completed. Dr. Ward Tishler will review the work of the Montevallo Community Relations Council.

"All these services," says Mrs. Ann Parker, program chairman, "can directly affect our high school students."

In Tuscaloosa--

'Spotlight'ers Attend Clinic

SPOTLIGHTers will take one giant step toward improvement, Mar. 23, when they travel to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for study.

AHSPA Clinic

The University will host the Alabama High School Press Association Clinic, attended annually by newspaper and yearbook staffs from over the state.

Press Association experts and UA journalism teachers will conduct mini classes on different facets of newspapering.

Alabama Press Judges

This year's papers will be judged by members of Alabama Press Association on categories such as features, newsreporting, editorials, photography, and layout.

Awards will be presented

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Go for State Try--

Musicians Take District Test

The basketball team is not the only group dreaming of going to State this year. Today the band plays in the District Trials at Shades Valley High School at 11:00, where a good performance leads to State.

The band will be playing the march, Kiefer's Special, Dorian Overture, and one song from Shire and Sea. Three doing the judging will be band directors from University of Alabama, Auburn University, and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Conductor Jim Weese comments, "I think we have an excellent chance of getting a 'Yes' from the judges and making a 'Superior' at State."

The band is also looking toward the Shelby County Festival with tryouts set for Friday, Mar. 8. Mr. Weese predicts 67 MHSers will try out and approximately 200 people from over the county will participate.

The band director adds, "We have dominated All-County over the past two years, but we're really going to have to work this time."

In Economics--

Class Gets Down To 'Nitty Gritty'

Getting wise by learning to economize is what Mr. Gary Fleming's economics class is doing as they conduct independent studies on various phases of the nation's economy.

Each week a group presentation is given on such information as the truckers strike, high rise of food cost, gas shortage and rationing, family expenses, pollution control, welfare program, and the history of the American economy.

Mr. Fleming says, "We are attempting to get more student participation on current issues dealing with our economy."

'Spotlight'ers (Cont'd)

at a luncheon which follows the classes.

Journalism instructor Linda Sproul says, "Students gained interesting information and new ideas at clinic last year, and I'm sure this year's staff will benefit greatly."

U of M Hosts Baseball Clinic

Major League Baseball "greats" will conduct a Baseball Classic Clinic at the U of M, Mar. 15-16.

Joe Sewell, Frank and Milt Bolling, and Lumann Harris will point out techniques of hitting, infield play, offensive strategy, pitching, and catching.

Plans for the new fire department are in progress. The building will be located next to Montevallo Housing Project, with construction to begin as soon as weather permits.

Teachers Work To Improve Program

A six member faculty panel presented suggestions to the faculty Feb. 25 on "Student Motivation."

This was part of an in-service study program being conducted to discover possible improvements in school policy, discipline, teaching methods, and meeting needs of students.

Coach Richard Gilliam, chairman, along with band director Jim Weese introduced "contract teaching."

Mrs. Frances Anthony discussed teacher attitudes; and Mrs. Maenolia McGraw, teacher preparedness.

Mrs. Blanche Coger summed up classroom motivation by stating, "A teacher must be a good salesman, and education is the product he is trying to sell."

Mr. Jim Hermecz used a chemistry experiment to demonstrate the importance of student participation.



Jefferson Federal has purchased the land next to Liberty National building on Main Street for construction of a savings and loan association.

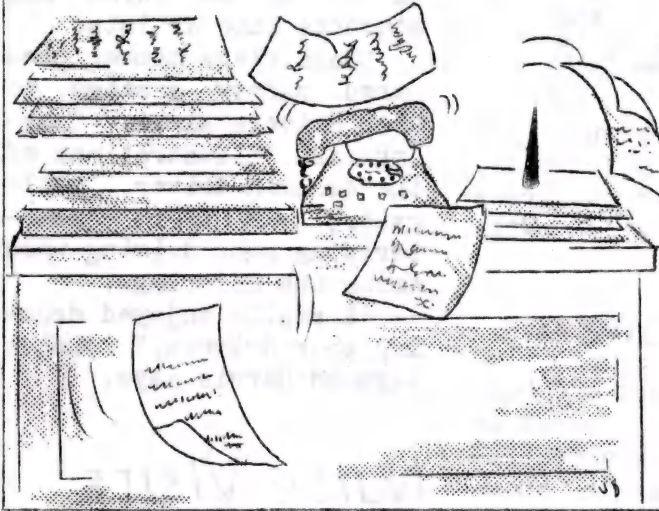
Streaking, (running a short distance in the nude) the latest college campus fad, has hit U of M.

Last week the Birmingham News reported that "a bare dash by a dozen students evolved into a formal protest by 700 to 800 students on curfew and dormitory visitation regulations."

EDITORIALS . . .

*deal with
use school
problems*

You never miss
the water 'til
the well runs dry!



Be among the Counted

It seems that to some people the lunch count taken in homeroom every morning is some sort of game. According to Principal W. C. Corbett, the count is off 75 to 80 each day. Mr. Corbett goes on to explain that the count is off by as much as 100 or more on some days.

Holding out on lunch count doesn't prove anything and certainly doesn't help anyone. It only hurts people—even those who don't tell the truth about whether or not they are going to eat. When a person is so uncooperative as merely not to raise a hand to be counted, it must tell something about that person.

No one likes to wait in line for more food to be prepared. Read the menu, make up your mind, and contribute to an accurate lunch count each day.

Springtime Brings Accidents

Spring is the time when a young person's fancy turns to love and beauty. But will your dreams be marred by accidents and death?

This is the season when many teenagers are injured and killed because they fail to take caution while enjoying the beginning of their spring joys.

Last year's statistics showed that most teenage deaths occurred over spring and summer vacations. This is your life; take good care of it!

School Misses Mrs. Long

Most people fail to appreciate a good thing until they have to do without it.

One of the most difficult jobs at MHS is that of the school secretary, a position held by Mrs. Opal Long. The secretary is responsible for such things as compiling the morning absentee list, keeping all the books in the office, distributing payroll checks, and counting the lunch ticket money; not to mention serving as message carrier, nurse, and complaint taker.

Recently, because of a fall which injured her left arm and shoulder, Mrs. Long has had to be away from school. The place is being temporarily filled by Mrs. Naomi Lankford until Mrs. Long recovers.

This is not an easy job, even for an experienced secretary, but Mrs. Lankford is doing a marvelous job coping with the problems of running the office.

The faculty and students are truly realizing how valuable Mrs. Long is to MHS and express their appreciation to Mrs. Lankford and the office staff for helping fill the void created by her absence.

Be Calm; Be Cool

Good sportsmanship is a tradition at MHS. Don't let tournament fever make you forget it.

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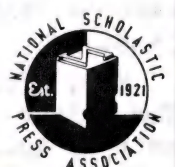
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Guidance Counselor Aids---

Sophomores Study Careers

Sophomores have been kept busy with investigating careers in English classes. The students took Kuder General Interest Surveys and wrote autobiographies stressing dreams for the future.

The unit consists of a team teaching effort by guidance counselor Frances Anthony and 10th grade English teacher Linda Sproul. It is divided into three parts including: Know Yourself, The World of Work (where students will investigate areas of occupation), and A Look at School Courses Which Will Be Helpful in Preparing Students for Post High School Careers.

Other activities include surveys, occupational research, and games. The unit will culminate in a trip to the vocational center at Columbiana for all sophomores.



HS Offers Sweets

Weight watchers had better be on the lookout as Honor Society members approach. The club is sponsoring a candy sale to aid in financing MONTALA.

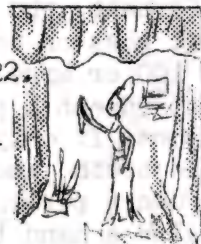
Drama Lovers Organize

Drama enthusiasts heard Miss Barbara James, a liberal arts student from U of M, discuss forming a drama club at MHS, Feb. 22. Interested students will take field trips to Palmer Auditorium to learn the technical aspects of theater along with the techniques of acting.

Miss James remarks, "I hope the instruction will culminate in a good one-act play to be presented by the club at the Trumbauer Drama Festival in April at U of M."

Miss James is working with Mrs. Linda Sproul's fifth period speech class in oral interpretation. The results of the unit will be a presentation of reader's theater by the class.

Mrs. Sproul comments, "The class is getting a taste of college life with two days of drama lessons and three of their regular speech class."



Future Teacher Will Try Profession

Students will become teachers at FTA's March meeting as the theme for that month is "Each One, Teach One."

Members of the club selected teaching projects for their mini-lessons at the February meeting. Fields of teaching will include elementary, high school, and college levels.

Some qualities the students chose as guidelines in teaching are to have patience, to make learning fun, and to possess knowledge.

Treasurer Jimmy Winslett says, "My plan is to demonstrate the fundamentals of physical fitness."



Posters Promote Safety in Driving

"The hand is as quick as the eye," believes drivers ed instructor Charles Martin as he turns his students into artists.

Each class member prepared safety posters to keep drivers alert. Drawings and illustrations of the drunken driver, tailgater, and others characterizing poor driving were among the offerings.

"I really enjoyed drawing poor drivers," junior Raymond Harris says.

Nurse Visits

Mrs. Aris Merijanlian, nurse at U of M's infirmary, talked to Health Careers Club members Feb. 19.

She enlightened the group on the different degrees, fields, advantages, and disadvantages of nursing as a career.

Club member Dana Lovelady comments, "Her speech inspired me. She said many things that will help me in my high school preparation for nursing."

Better Try Candy Next--

Doughnut Hole Gets Deep

Time drew near for SPOTLIGHTers to replenish their budget, and the fateful course they decided upon was to sell those mouth-watering Krispy Kremes on Friday, Feb. 8. Little did they know they were on an obstacle course.

The first catastrophe occurred on Montclair Road where the energy crisis struck a blow close to home when senior Jim Oppert ran out of gas.

The catastrophic journey ended with Jim's taking pneumonia.

Meanwhile, back at doughnut headquarters, buses had left five minutes before the transporters arrived; and the few lucky? non-bus riders had to carry the burden.

Mistakes continued as sophomore John Tishler bought a box of doughnuts which his dog thought was meant for his breakfast, lunch, and supper; while senior Melody Putman sold Mr. Jim Hermecz an imaginary box of Krispy Kremes at his expense.

Monday found freezers filled with doughnuts; and although SPOTLIGHT didn't lose money, it didn't become overly wealthy.

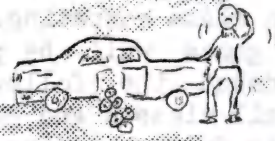
(Perhaps the group would have more luck with candy; it doesn't get so moldy.)

Fly away with Me

"Go fly a kite," can be taken seriously now as the weather warms and winds pick up.

The kite flying craze seems to grow bigger and better each year as the sky fills with the colorful novelties.

Junior Billy Barrow comments, "I had the urge to fly one and spent a whole afternoon doing it."



Vivian Works on

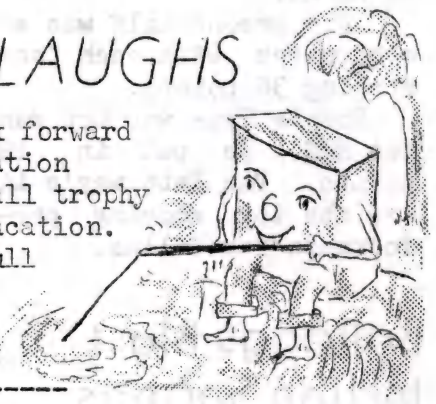
Spring vacation for Vivian Bolling means teaching classes at Shiloh Baptist Church's Youth Seminar.

"I enjoy it because it gives me a chance to share the Bible with my friends," Vivian says.

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Students look forward
With anticipation
To a basketball trophy
And spring vacation.
MHSers are full
Of cheer
As AEA keeps
Drawing near.



Mr. Jim Hermecz's chemistry class was discussing Charles's law and Boyle's law in a study of gases.

Mr. Hermecz asked, "What would you get if you combined the two?"

Senior Randie Sears, obviously misunderstanding the name, came up with the reply, "Char-broiled."

Following a Black History Week report on George Washington Carver, Miss Susie DeMent asked her vocational English students, "What was Carver's main

contribution to society?"

Doreen Williams volunteered, "He invented the peanut."

In a discussion of oral interpretation, U of M student Barbara James stressed the importance of emphasis in reading.

She commented, "You need to take nothing and make something out of it when you read."

Handing her one of his textbooks, senior Dane Lawley said, "Here, use this one. It's full of nothing."

Stephen Plays On Art Strings

Senior Stephen Fancher is not only a scuba diver, but an artist as well. His newest hobby is string art, which consists of tying a string to plywood and making a very interesting work of art.

The budding young artist says he got the idea from displays in Birmingham.

"I just thought it would be fun," Stephen says.

He has been trying out this art for two months as a hobby; and now he says, "I hope I'll be able to sell some of it to help finance the scuba diving lessons."

For Basketball Play-offs-- *****

State Changes Tourney Setup

The state's high school basketball tournament, Mar. 6-9, takes on a new format this year. All four classes will play in tournaments during the same four-day period, with eight teams from each class competing.

Class A and 2A first-round games will be played on Wednesday. Class 3A and 4A's debut the following day. Friday brings semi-finals for all classes and games on Saturday will decide the state's four champions.

Should the Bulldogs get the bid this year, they will be going to State for the third straight year.

"We've won third and second place trophies," says Ronnie Tyus who went to State his sophomore and junior years. "This time we'd like to have No. 1."

Hornets' Sting Is Not Strong Enough

The Bulldogs swatted Dallas County here Feb. 19, 54-50, but not before the Hornets proved a bit pesky.

At the end of the first period the 'Dogs led 14-5, but the determined Hornets weren't down; and at half-time they had cut the lead to 24-20.

The second half was an even match with each team scoring 30 points.

Ronnie Tyus was top man for MHS. He put in 19 points. Van Pettaway's 14 was the top scoring performance for Dallas.

Bulldogs Blast Indian Springs

Minus three starters the Bulldogs manhandled Indian Springs last Friday night 60-22 at ISS.

As the score indicates, the Bulldogs dominated the game; substitutions were frequent. Eddie Tyus was high scorer for MHS with 16 points. Henry White had 13; Percy Brown, 12. Tom Fetterman led ISS with 10.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	11	22	17	10	60
ISS	2	6	2	12	22

This win gave the Bulldogs a 24-3 record.

Area Tournament At West Blocton

The Bulldogs began the try for State last night as they met Talladega County Training School in the semi-finals of Area 7 Basketball Tournament at West Blocton.

A win last night would place the Bulldogs against the West Blocton-Vincent winner in tonight's finals.

Shelby County, Winterboro, and Jemison were eliminated in the first round Tuesday night.

In Winning Trophies--

Tammy Tries to Match Dad

Junior Tammy Harris has added five more trophies to the other ten won at various twirling contests. Her latest accomplishment was at the Southeastern States Twirling Contest, Feb. 16, at Etowah High School in Atalla.

Tammy marched away with first place in military marching; second, in basic marching; third, in best appearing; and fourth, in both parade majorette and solo.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd V. Harris, Tammy exclaims, "My dad has twenty trophies in salesmanship, and I'm trying to match him."

53 Report As Football Takes Spot

Talk around MHS changed from basketball to football for a while Tuesday afternoon as gridsters met with Coach Richard Gilliam.

Insurance forms, permission slips, and spring training schedules were issued to 53 men as Coach Gilliam announced that several helpers would join him and Coach Gary Fleming in spring practice.

Mr. Don Benton and Mr. Jimmy Jones will help with various fundamentals, while senior Harry Martin will assist the wide receivers and defensive backs.

Dates for the spring workout depend on the outcome of the basketball season.

Returning lettermen include juniors Marvin Lawrence, Chuck Lovelady, Bob Sherrer, and Jimmy Williams; sophomores Gilbert Barkley, Bryant Cottingham, Tom Connors, Rusty Morris, Tommy Shaw, Clifton Stallworth, and Jimmy Winslett.

Freshmen Thomas Brown, Tim Ross, and Maurice Reed.

8th graders Terry McCary and Willie Rutledge.



ANOTHER TROPHY CASE, MAYBE?

"Add the county B trophy to the three basketball trophies the varsity has brought home this year," says All-County B teamer Bryant Cottingham to Principal W. C. Corbett. Other All-County Bullpups are Roger Moore (MVP) and Robert Jemison

For Two County Victories--

Bulldogs Beat Vincent, Shelby

Two county foes, Vincent and Shelby County, provided wins No. 21 and 22 for the Bulldogs as they slapped the Yellowjackets, 66-47, and bested the Wildcats, 62-48.

Ronnie Tyus and Percy Brown scored high in both games. They had 17 apiece against the 'Jackets.

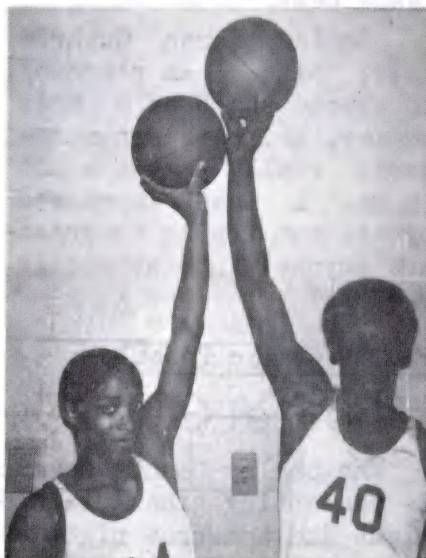
Tyus, hitting 71% from the field, scored 25 in the Shelby affair, while Brown connected with 80% for 19 points.

Vincent proved stubborn in the first quarter and held MHS to 12 points while in an earlier match the 'Dogs had blanked the Jack-ets 24-0 in the opening frame.

But a 26-point third quarter put the game away for Montevallo.

Kenneth Fair, Terry Kelly, and David Yowe had 10 points each for Vincent.

Shelby offered little resistance as MHS went out front 20-12 in the first period.



LONG AND SHORT OF IT

"I just have to throw it that much higher," says Thomas Brown, 5'9" freshman, as he measures up to teammate and cousin Percy Brown, 6'4" senior. Both are starters-- Thomas at guard; Percy, center.

Roger Moore Is MVP--

B Team Takes Title

With a 17-4 season record, the Bullpups, under Coach Richard Gilliam, added the Shelby County basketball championship to their laurels last week in the tournament at Chelsea.

The champs also captured three spots on the All-County team, which included Roger Moore's being named most valuable player. Winning All-County honors also were Bryant Cottingham, 6'2" sophomore, and Robert Jemison, a 5'10" freshman.

Moore, 5'11" sophomore, the team's leading scorer, has an average of 12 points per game this season.

To take the county crown the 'Pups defeated Chelsea, 39-16; Calera, 33-27; and Thompson, 44-30.

During the regular season the B teamers lost two games to St. Jude of Montgomery and two to Thompson, the team they defeated for the championship.

Girls Organize Basketball Team

"Shoot two," cries PE teacher Dot Bishop as she directs a girls basketball team sponsored by Montevallo Recreation Department.

Middle School teacher Larry Popwell assists Miss Bishop in preparing the girls for the Independent Tournament in Gadsden, Mar. 29, for girls under 18 years of age.

Team members are Nikita Brown, Tricia Corbett, Judy Darden, Delilah Harris, Cathy Jones, Linda Jones, Bonnie Lily, Sandra McCord, Veronica Rutledge, Cheryl Staffney, Earlene Tolbert, Teresa Tyus, and Cassie Velarde.

Tishler, Day Lead Discussions

John Tishler and Jimmy Day took part in "Citizenship in Action" when they attended the Citizenship Conference, Feb. 16, in Montgomery.

This annual assembly, held at the Governors House Motel, attracted over 250 students from over the state. General John P. Flynn, highest ranked POW spoke to the noon luncheon. John and Jimmy were leaders of student "rap" sessions on topics such as integration, women's rights, and ecology.

"I hope I have brought back ideas which can be put into action," says representative John Tishler.

Accompanying the students was history teacher Don Benton who commented, "It was great to be among the 'cream of the crop' of Alabama's young citizens."

Seniors Advised on College Choice

Mr. Kermit Mathison, dean of admissions at U of M, spoke to seniors Feb. 19 about choosing a college suited to the individual. He said, "Choose the institution that will make you happiest, not one to have fun at; you can have fun anywhere."

For this Year--

Superintendent Says No Clean-up Day

Kitti Klean will have to curl up with her ball of yarn in Shelby County this spring as no official plans have been made for a clean-up day.



Superintendent Elvin Hill made the announcement at county principals' meeting, Feb. 18.

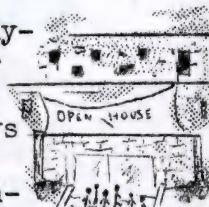
Mr. Hill said, "Due to the facts that no definite plans have been made and there are so many other spring activities, we will not hold the county-wide clean-up day this year."

Principal W. C. Corbett states, "This does not mean that we will not have clean-up days in the future; but none will be scheduled this spring."

In Career Study--

Ag Group Visits Technical College

While studying plans for the future, senior ag boys visited the Bessemer Technical College's Open House on Feb. 14.



Student teacher David Kirkpatrick accompanied the students.

After being served refreshments upon arrival, the boys listened to guidance counselor Betty Batson.

She told them about tuition costs, term lengths, and certificates which included the degree, certification, and license.

Later the group was given a tour through the electronics, upholstery, practical nursery, small engine mechanics, and diesel mechanics departments.

Students in agribusiness classes visited the farm of Roger Grubbs in Maylene on Feb. 19. While there the boys made a study of the Grubbs's swine and cattle feeding operations.

The U of M representative said, "Only choose Montevallo if it is the college that suits your needs best."

Senior Karen Guthrie said, "Since I am planning to attend the U of M this summer, Mr. Mathison's remarks really meant a lot to me. I was impressed by his not trying to pressure anyone into attending U of M."

At Montevallo Depot--

Theater Group Does 'Autumn Garden'

The Shelby County Community Theater is presenting "The Autumn Garden" tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 in Montevallo's Depot, in the park.

Charles Majure is director and a former MHSer, Mary Collins Blackmon, is assistant.

Among cast members are Mrs. Ann Tishler, mother of 8th grader Suzanne and sophomore John; Mrs. Hilda Van Landingham, mother of junior Michelle; Sanya Grant, sister of freshman Alan Jones; and Dr. Bill Fancher, father of senior Stephen. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.





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Championship Special



BATTLES ARE OVER, PRIZES WON, PRIDE SHINES THROUGH

State champs pose with loot. Front (l to r): Eddie Tyus, Percy Brown, Willie Moore, Jimmy Lee Talley, Thomas Brown, Henry White. Back: Coach Richard Gilliam, Principal W. C. Corbett, Bobby Wyatt, Lewis Prentice, Ervin Cottingham, Lorenzo Mitchell, Ronnie Tyus, Roger Moore, Bryant Cottingham, Coach Gary Fleming, Mr. Johnnie McClain

IN STATE 2A BASKETBALL

Bulldogs Turn It on, Win No. 1 Title

MONTEVALLO BULLDOGS WON THE STATE 2A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, defeating Cherokee Vocational School 52-42 in the finals of the State Tournament at Memorial Coliseum at Tuscaloosa March 9.



ALL-STATERS

(l to r) Willie Moore, Percy Brown, Eddie Tyus (Story on page 2)

With two strikes against them, the Bulldogs came up swinging for the fences and blasted out a grand slam by taking the trophy and placing three men on the All-State squad. Determined not to have to use defensive alibis that two-time all-stater Percy Brown played the entire tournament with an aching tooth or that high-scoring teammate Recardi Nelson was in the hospital awaiting surgery, the Bulldogs went to work early.

Fall Behind, but not for Long

The champs took a 4-0 lead before falling back 7-6, the only time they trailed in the game. With only 1:24 left in the first quarter, the Bulldogs saw Percy

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3 from MHS Make All-State

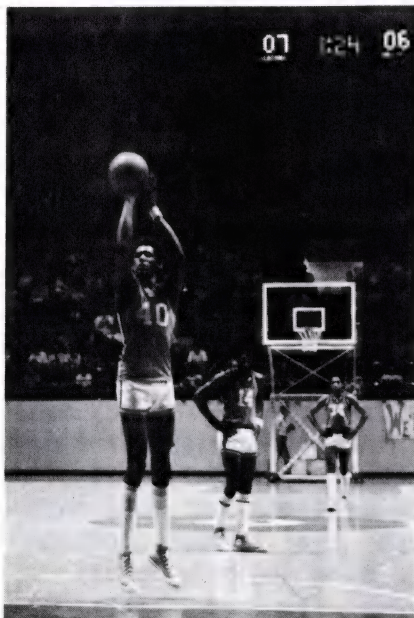
Three members of MHS's state-winning team took all-state honors Mar. 9 at Tuscaloosa. Players named are seniors Percy Brown, for the second year; Willie Moore and Eddie Tyus.

For three tournament games, Brown, who averaged 15 points per game this season, threw in 50 points and claimed 36 rebounds.

Moore, a real hustler, had 29 points and 27 rebounds. Quick and possessing natural ballhandling talent, Eddie scored 29 points and got 8 rebounds.

Runner-up Cherokee had three men named to the squad also. They are Jerome Armistead, William Oates, and William Wilson.

Other all-staters are Clovie Parker (Marion), Walter Stone (MVP, Madison), Stanley Moore (Madison), and Reggie Hall (Sulligent).



STEADY THERE, PERCY

Percy Brown puts in the go-ahead points in final game of state tournament



CLAIMING THE AWARD

Principal W. C. Corbett (second from left) joins Coach Gary Fleming and the Bulldogs in accepting the No. 1 trophy

Bulldogs Are State Champs (Cont)

drop in two free throws to give them an 8-7 lead, and they were on their way to the championship.

At halftime the score was 24-17, but the Choctaws threatened as they scored three quick baskets to come within one point of tying the count, 24-23.

Brown Puts in Big Ones

Again it was Percy who pulled the Bulldogs away. This time he scored two consecutive field goals and two free throws to up the lead to 30-23, and the Bulldogs were never in any real danger after that.

Percy hauled in 11 rebounds while pouring in his game high 20 points. Thomas Brown, second highest scorer, added 16 points.

David Heagen, Cherokee's big man (6'6") was held to 12 points for his team's high.

Defense Does the Job

A stout Bulldog defense keyed the two wins that led to the championship square-off with Cherokee. The MHS cagers knocked off Sulligent 77-62 in the first round and then whacked Dadeville 59-51 in the semi-finals.

Four Bulldogs scored in double figures to pace an awesome attack against Sulligent's Blue Devils. Percy poured in a hot 18 points and hauled down 18 rebounds while Eddie Tyus swished through 17. Doc Moore canned 16 points while cousin Thomas Brown added 14.

Reggie Hall led Sulligent with 25 points but wasn't good enough to keep the "Devils in the game after they

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AFTER WINNING STATE BASKETBALL TITLE

Bulldogs Get No.1 Reception in Montevollo



Last Bridge Is Crossed--

Ashville Win Opens State Gate

The Bulldogs earned their chance at the state championship Mar. 2 when they defeated Ashville, 48-41, at Gadsden State Junior College for the Region 4 title. Area wins over Talladega County Training School, 68-46, and West Blocton, 59-40, at West Blocton put the Bulldogs in the Region playoff.

Trail Ashville after One

After falling behind Ashville 14-10 in the first quarter, Montevallo came back to a 22-17 halftime lead and held on throughout the game.

Percy Brown scored 22 of the Bulldogs' 48 points as the game's leader. Willie Moore added 12.

Most of the second half was played with the Bulldogs holding a steady three-point lead as the teams swapped baskets. "Extra" baskets by Moore and Thomas Brown put the victory away.

Larry Bothwell was top pointgetter for the losers with 12 points, while Keith Thomas, all-stater last year, was held to eight.

Blocton Falls

The Bulldogs laid claim to the Area title for the third year in a row as they downed West Blocton with a convincing 59-40.

Trailing by three points as the second half opened, the 'Dogs staged a storming comeback that completely stymied the Tigers who could manage only three points in the third period. MHS went ahead 35-22.

The rest was easy for Montevallo. Ronnie Tyus was leading scorer with 17. Percy Brown dropped in 15 and claimed 21 rebounds.

Season's High

Ronnie scored a season's high of 31 points as the Bulldogs eliminated Talladega County Training School in the semi-finals. This was also the top scoring performance in the tournament. Brown put in 19.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	16	18	12	22	68
TCTS	10	10	15	11	46

Brown, Moore, Tyus Receive Area Honors

Percy Brown, Willie Moore, and Ronnie Tyus headed the list of All-Area tournament players as MHS took the title. All three had previously won county and mid-state honors.

For Percy, who scored 34 points in two nights of tournament play, it was the third year in a row to win the Area honor; Ronnie, with 48 tournament points, is a second-time winner.

Moore, County B-Team's most valuable player last year, hit 18 points in earning his area title.

Runner-up West Blocton also placed three men on the All-Star list -- Mike Banks, Shelby Collins, and Steve Preston.

Kenneth Fair and James Riggins of Vincent, Don Portis from Shelby County, and Melvin Rivers of Talladega County Training School completed the selection, made by the coaches.

One Game Remains

Basketball season is not over yet.

Coaches and principals from around Shelby County will play in an East-West cancer benefit game Thursday night at Thompson High School. Game time is 7:30; admission, \$1.

Montevallo, Calera, and Thompson will challenge Columbiana, Chelsea, Vincent, and Indian Springs.

Bulldogs Win Title -- (Cont'd)

trailed 9-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Scoring by Quarters

MHS	9	20	22	26	77
SHS	8	12	9	33	62

Dadeville Tries Freeze

A 3-minute stall gained nothing for Dadeville Tigers as it failed to pull the Bulldogs out of their tenacious zone defense. When the Tigers decided to play, MHS took over and skinned them 59-51 in the semi-finals.

After a quick opening basket by Eddie Tyus the Tigers tried the stall. It backfired, however, and Montevallo had built up an 11-point lead by halftime.

Dadeville cut the lead to 53-50 with only 1:12 remaining; but Percy put in another clutch basket, Ronnie Tyus added two free throws, and Henry White scored while Dadeville added only two points for the final count, 59-51. Bubba Gibson led the Tigers with 14 points.

Mayor Is Proud of Bulldogs

Montevallo High School's 1974 basketball team will be remembered for many years as one of the plus factors of the Montevallo area. Winning the state basketball championship has brought individual credit to each member of this outstanding athletic team; but far beyond the individual honors, this team has brought highly favorable recognition to each citizen of Montevallo and the entire community.

Montevallo is proud of the 1974 basketball team for its outstanding accomplishments and the reflected honor it has brought to Montevallo, Shelby County, and this area of Alabama.

Bulldogs Score Another First With 30 Wins

The state title was not the only first for this year's Bulldogs. This is the first season an MHS team has won 30 games:

MHS	OPP
74	Chilton County .. 56
81	Bibb County 65
56	St. Jude 73
48	Indian Springs .. 32
52	Chilton County .. 50
55	West Blocton 53
60	Indian Springs... 37
52	Childersburg 49
45	Pell City 27
67	Prattville 47
63	McAdory 50
56	Tanner 66
51	East Limestone .. 44
82	Vincent 52
66	St. Jude 38
65	Shelby County ... 33
65	Indian Springs .. 44
55	Thompson 54
75	Gardendale 55
49	West Blocton 48
60	Thompson 63
67	Dallas County ... 47
77	Jemison 57
66	Vincent 47
62	Shelby 48
54	Dallas County ... 50
60	Indian Springs .. 22
68	Talladega Co. Trng 46
59	West Blocton 40
48	Ashville 41
77	Sulligent 62
59	Dadeville 51
52	Cherokee Voc. 42

For the season Montevallo averaged 61 points to 41 for the opposition.

Ralph Sears, Mayor
City of Montevallo

From Room 1129, University Hospital--

Recardi Sees It Like This

I really enjoyed being a part of such a successful basketball team this season because of the enthusiasm and spiritual attitude shown by coaches and players alike. But the most important thing about being a part of the team was that each player had decided to dedicate the entire season to God. This was the controlling factor in winning the state 2A crown. Also, God has entered the team, not only in the field of sports, but in our daily walk of life as well.

The greatest experiences I shared in being a part of the team was defeating the defending 2A state champion, St. Jude, and winning the state title.

The only words I know for all the many people who have shown concern during my illness is that I am really proud to be just a small part of you. Thank you.

...Recardi Nelson

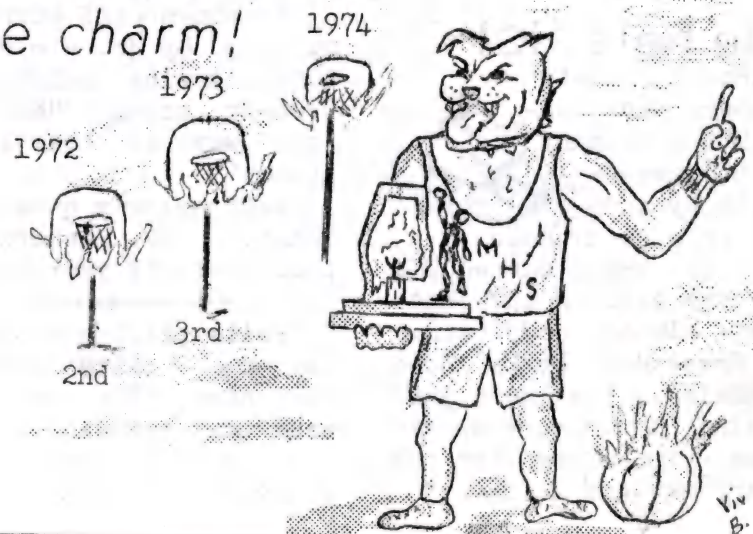
Percy Wins Again

Percy Brown has just received word that he is among the All-Staters on the Birmingham Post Herald selection a second year.

In the three years the 6'4" center has played at Montevallo, the Bulldogs have added 18 trophies to the school's collection--14 of these are 1st place.

The school's win-loss record over Percy's three years is 83-13.

Third time's
the charm!



Computer Balks

Senior math club members visited U of M Feb. 26 to find out how computers THINK. Mr. John McKinnon in the computer department briefly described the operation.

To the club's disappointment, the computer refused to perform due to the temperature change outside.

Equal Rights in the Kitchen?--

Men Bake Cookies! What Next?

Ten fellows studying family living have taken another step toward preparation for a family by beginning to learn to cook.

The boys have been divided into groups, each assigned a kitchen, and have prepared and evaluated their favorite cookies.

Mrs. Lorraine Byrd of Alabama Power Company lectured the class on the care and use of kitchen equipment.

Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins, instructor, says, "The fellows' mothers may soon expect some of their cookies. We'd like to prepare meat, but it is so expensive that we'll have to wait until prices go down a little for that."



Sale Nets \$101

Honor Society members have contributed to many an MHS sweet-tooth by sponsoring a candy sale.

This group earned \$101 through selling 432 chocolate almond candy bars.

President Becky Hood explains, "We were just trying to make sure we had some extra money for the yearbook--and we have."



Fun for Everyone--

Council Plans Field Day

"Get ready! Get set! Go!" is heard as Student Council plans to sponsor a field day in April.

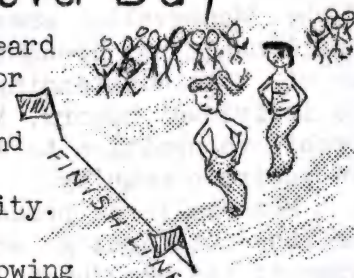
Girls' PE teacher Dot Bishop and Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming will coordinate the activity.

Something for everyone will be offered as relays such as egg throwing and sack racing are featured.

Students will participate in events by classes from 8:30 a.m. until lunch and will return to classes for fifth and sixth periods.

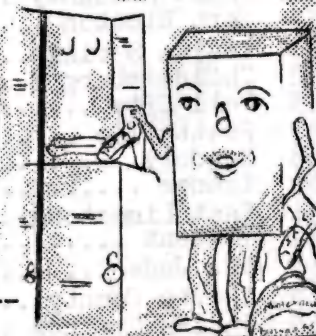
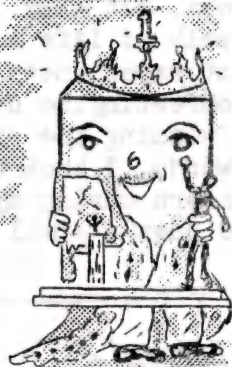
First- and second-place ribbons will be awarded in each event.

"The Council hopes this activity will become an annual affair," says co-president Beverly Brazzell.



LOCKER LAUGHS

Bulldogs now
Can settle down
And proudly
Wear their
No. 1 crown.
Cool they
Played it;
Took no jive.
We'll do it
Again in '75.



Freshman Jeff Barrow was quizzed by Mr. Jim Hermecz about losing weight. Mr. Hermecz asked, "What's a good way to lose 10 ugly pounds?"

Jeff quickly questioned, "What?" Mr. Hermecz quipped, "Cut off your head."

While playing basketball freshman Billy Belisle commented, "I'm going to make that net sing."

Sophomore John Tishler asked, "What song?"

Billy quickly replied, "We 'w-i-s-s-h' You a Merry Christmas."

Enroute to the Gadsden basketball tournament Mr. Jim Hermecz complained of a headache.

Jimmy Day commented, "I know how you can get rid of it." "Really?" asked Mr. Hermecz.

"Yes," said Jimmy; "just crack your window and get rid of the pane."



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For Band Festival--

28 Earn All-County Rating

opens with interest arousing words

Troubadours were tooting their horns while the Bulldogs were winning at state basketball Mar. 8. At the U of M music building bandsmen were competing with other musicians from over Shelby County for All-County Band positions. Twenty-eight of the 71-member group selected were from MHS, including seven of 13 first chairs.

Will Go to State

The band also received three recommendations from the judges at district competition at Shades Valley to go on and compete in state competition at Tuscaloosa Apr. 4-6. Very few bands were given the unanimous decision as were the Troubadours according to band director Jim Weese.

All-County Group

Troubadours gaining All-County recognition are: Billy Barrow (1st), Mark Hall, Anna McGaughy, Linda Sims, and Debbie Stephens on trumpet; Nancy Nix (1st), Beth Pritchett, Amy Williams, Amy Knowles, Carroll Long, Iris Smitherman, and Susan Cupp, on clarinet.

Lori Merijanlian, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Betsy Hood, flute; Alan Jones and Randie Sears, French horn;

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ACT Is Apr. 27

Juniors and seniors will be sharpening pencils and racking their brains the morning of Apr. 27 at the U of M on the ACT which will be administered in Comer auditorium.

The next testing period will be June 15, with final registration date May 20, according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Junior Spelling Bee--

'Bituminous' Wins For Tommy Ingram

Eighth graders displayed their knowledge in a spelling bee Mar. 22 with Tommy Ingram coming out winner. The contest, open to all 8th graders, drew 20 participants according to Mrs. Maenolia McGraw, sponsor.

Tommy took 1st place by spelling "bituminous" after Cathy Belisle, runner-up, missed it.

The next step for Tommy is county competition in April in Columbiana.

Mrs. McGraw says that in her opinion the most important thing students get out of the contest is their exposure to all the new words being constantly added to our English vocabulary with every new accomplishment.

Mark these Dates

Apr. 4-6	State band competition
Apr. 20	Jr.-Sr. Prom
May 10	Awards Day
May 20	Graduation
May 22	Last school day
May 23	Teachers Workday
May 24	Report cards

For PTA Monday Night--

Open House Features MHSers

A BIG EVENT IS PLANNED for parents, students, and teachers next Monday night--PTA Open House at MHS.

The program, beginning at 7:30, will be held in the gym; exhibits from drivers ed, home economics, and art classes, along with SPOTLIGHTS, will be displayed in the hall of the main building.

Members of the speech class will be in charge of an original devotional to begin the program which will include gymnastics, cheerleader routines, recognition of basketball players, songs by 8th grade chorus and entertainment by Spanish classes. Both concert and stage bands will play. Refreshments will be served.

Principal W. C. Corbett explains, "Instead of showing off our old 44-year-old building, we prefer to show off our student body and their accomplishments to entertain our visitors at Open House."

Tishler Wins Governor Post--

'Spotlight' Wins News Award

SPOTLIGHT took first place in news coverage and writing at the annual Alabama High School Press Association clinic Mar. 23 in Tuscaloosa. John Tishler was elected Governor of District 4 (Jefferson and Shelby Counties) at the same meeting. MHS is in Class C.

During the day, workshop participants attended sessions on feature, sports, news, and editorial writing. Class were taught by U of A journalism professors and professional newspapermen and women.

SPOTLIGHT also received 2nd place in make-up and was cited for general excellence.

SPOTLIGHTers attending the clinic were Gilbert Barkley, Vivian Bolling, Beverly Brazzell, Dorothy Johnson, Greg Merijanian, John Tishler, and sponsors Linda Sproul and Susie DeMent.

Mrs. Sproul comments, "Since SPOTLIGHT was one of 173 papers in competition, I am particularly proud of our staff's honors. So far as we could tell, we were the only mimeographed paper to win an award."

All County--(Cont'd)

Dane Lawley (1st) and Randy Beers, baritone.

John Tishler and Greg Merijanian, trombone; Becky Hood (1st) and Tommy Ingram alto sax. Jon Goad (1st) tenor sax.

Noel Spicer (1st) baritone sax; Cindy Holsomback, bass clarinet; Billy Belisle (1st) drums; and Steve Williams, tuba.

Twenty-five Troubadours made second or Festival Band.

Mr. Weese says, "I was pleased with our students' showing, and again we took more first chairs than any other group."

Principal Evaluates

Principal W. C. Corbett "graded" teachers in Dallas County this week.

Serving on an evaluating committee at Dallas County High School, Mar. 25-28, Mr. Corbett was in charge of rating the program of studies.

He says, "It was my job to check to see if courses offered meet the needs of students there."

It's News Downtown--

Boosters Name TV Winner Apr. 1

Julio's TV Repair furnished a television set at cost to Montevallo Athletic Boosters to be given away at PTA Monday night.

The Boosters are selling chances for \$1 each.

The "peaceful unrest" on U of M campus has come to a halt. The Board of Trustees decided on Apr. 6 to extend the girls' curfew to midnight on week nights.

No final action was taken on dorm visitation, another "streaker" request.

Miss Marilyn Latham, UM senior, has been appointed

Tomorrow's March--

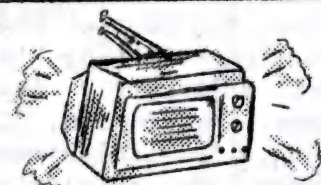
Walkers Aid MOD Drive

Tricia Corbett, Suzy Hernandez, Becky Hood, Greg and Lori Merijanian, and Bobby Wyatt are among MHS students joining tomorrow's MOD Walkathon.

"These folks are asking for aching feet but a satisfied mind," smiles Randie Sears, Teen Chairman for March of Dimes.

"This year's Walkathon is aiming for a higher goal than last year's," the enthusiastic chairman adds. "We're expecting at least 300 walkers to join up."

The route, the same as last year's, begins at U of M Student Union Building, goes to Moore's Cross Roads, turns right to Dargin, and returns on Spring Creek Road.



by the Montevallo Community Relations Council to direct its new Referral Center.

People phone the "crisis center" for information, and workers there put the caller in touch with the agency in Shelby County or Birmingham that can help.

Montevallo taxpayers who want help with income tax returns may find it free at Montevallo Community Relations Center in the Scott-Long Building.

Business students from U of M are giving accurate help without charge on Mondays 1-5 and 6-10 p.m.

EDITORIALS . . .



What's Wrong with Blue?

For many years the school colors have been orange and blue, and hopefully they will remain that way. It appears that some people keep trying to change them.

The football uniform is all orange and white except for one jersey. At the state basketball tournament, the school's colors were listed as orange and white.

Hopefully the entire student body is behind this urge to keep our school's traditional orange and blue.

Lost Chance Has Arrived

The point of no return is rapidly approaching for MHSers to try and improve their grades.

With only eight weeks of school remaining, now is the time to stop kidding around and get down to serious business.

At the beginning of the new semester many students acted as if they had the idea that school would soon be out and that all the hard work was over; but we have only just begun.

We must keep summer vacation plans out of our minds for a while longer while we concentrate more intensely on the accomplishments that must take place before we reach May 20.

This is your last chance this year. Don't louse it up by continuing to put off until tomorrow that which should be done today.

This must not Happen

KIDNAPPING--A NEW FAD? "Impossible," you say. Yet the ugly truth is revealed. A new national and international crisis is beginning to take shape.

The kidnapping of such famous persons as Patricia Hearst, nabbing of a famous newspaper editor in Atlanta, and the recent attempt on Princess Anne and her husband have shocked the world into the realization of an epidemic. Will kidnapping become as popular as the swallowing of goldfish in the past or streaking of the present?

One way to cut down on kidnapping would simply be to make and enforce stricter laws and penalties against these people. Perhaps reinstating the death penalty against those who commit this crime would help. But the first duty must be to catch the criminals and prosecute them.

The idea of this terrible crime becoming a fad is not funny, but may not be as far-fetched as you may think.

Get with It!

Spring is the time when Mother Nature gets it all together.

MHS can follow her example with cooperation in all activities--athletic, extra-curricular, and academic--to make the remainder of the year successful.

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All-American

FTAers Teach Mini Lessons

"Oink, moo, and hee-haw" were sounds heard coming from Room 23 as FTA held its March meeting.

Members of the club presented mini-lessons to classes ranging from kindergarten to junior high as the program for the day.

Lynn Davis and Kay Ward taught the "class" about animals and their sounds by letting students draw the animals and make their sounds.

Tricia Corbett showed how to make paper necklaces, while Ginger Rochester presented a more difficult project on plants.

Sponsor Linda Sproul says, "The students seemed to enjoy their simulated teaching and had some unique lessons planned."



Sophomores Visit Vocational Center

Sophomores got a look at possible vocations yesterday when they attended Shelby County Vocational Center in Columbiana.

After leaving school at 12:15 and traveling by bus to the center, the students were greeted by counselor Jimmy Bice. He gave the group a complete tour of the center's facilities.

MHS guidance counselor Frances Anthony explains, "Many of the students will make tentative decisions to attend the vocational center next fall."



For Waiting Seniors--

'That Day Draws Nearer

Seniors measured up for graduation on Mar. 1 when they were fitted for caps and gowns.

Sponsors Ann Parker and Frances Anthony took time out of their English classes to take the measurements of each senior's head and height.

Lori Merijanlian says. "It made me realize how close graduation really is."

Graduation will be held May 20 in Palmer Hall.



At U of A --

ACCENT Day Attracts MHSers

Tuesday, Apr. 9, will be a special day for six girls in the junior class.

Yudonna Carson, Tricia Corbett, Becky Morris, Patricia Thompson, Michele Van Landingham, and Kay Ward, along with Mrs. W.C. Corbett, will visit the University of Alabama for its ACCENT Day, sponsored by its National Alumni Association and the University office of high school affairs.

Betty Graves, vice president of the alumni association, says, "The purpose of this special day is to honor the girls' achievements and introduce them to our great institution."

Juniors Entertain

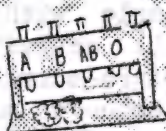
Juniors become artists, carpenters, and painters as they prepare for the Junior-Senior Prom Apr. 20 in the auditorium.

The theme, "The Way We Were," will feature the band, The New Experience, for dancing from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.



Biology Class Takes Blood

"It takes only two drops of blood," says biology teacher Joanna McGaughy as she encourages her students to type their own blood in class.



A total of 118 drops of blood were drawn from the 59 biology students' fingertips Mar. 19. Of this number 30.5% were Type A; 11.8%, Type B; 15.3%, Type AB; and 43.3%, Type O.

Each student was provided with his own apparatus and had the privilege of sticking his own finger.

"The experience was unusual; but I must admit it was interesting," says 10th grader Bryant Cottingham.

Spring Arrives in the Dark

The first day of spring brought darkness and gloom rather than sunshine and happiness for MHSers. A power failure, due to a severe spring storm the night before, lasted for three hours. Students bumped blindly down the halls to their lockers and homerooms and finally opened their lockers in complete darkness and went back tripping and tumbling down the hall to meet friends.

Instead of spring voices of birds, students were beckoned to class by a mysterious clanging sound which was a bell operated by Mr. W. C. Corbett and a cord.

A loud cheer arose as lights blinked on throughout the school at 11:00.

Two days after spring had begun, frost covered the ground. What does spring hold now--our first snow of the winter?

With Weather--

Even Experts Get Confused

It seems that nature's most accurate weather predictor is on the blink.

The age-old theory is that if the woodchuck comes out of his quarters on a cloudy day he will not return to hibernation and winter will soon give way to a balmy spring.

This year, old Mr. Groundhog didn't see his shadow in Montevallo, but Montevallo hasn't seen a balmy spring either. Cold and stormy weather have prevailed.

Maybe it is time to observe the saying, "Off with the old; on with the new. It's time to rely on radar rather than nature."



Indigestion?

What do you get when you cross a menu of beets, carrots, cauliflower, and pizza with butterflies in the stomach? That's what SPOTLIGHTers experienced at AHSPA clinic Mar. 23.

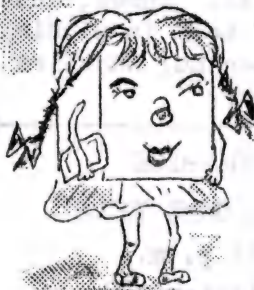
Jealousy Is Not Only Green Thing

Do green haired people have more fun? Ask Becky Hood, one of the four Interact girls who gave Mr. Jim Hermecz's room a face lift recently with brushes and sea-foam green paint.

While Becky, Betsy Hood, and Debbie Payne joined forces, senior Melody Putman chose Mr. Hermecz as partner with the motive of discovering chemistry test questions. However, instead of hints, all Mr. Hermecz dropped was paint.

The group went home all tired and "green", daring anyone to write on their newly painted masterpiece.

—LOCKER LAUGHS—



Basketball has
Come and gone;
School and students
Roll along.
Graduation and
Summer fun
Will claim our thoughts
When March is done.



Senior Vivian Bolling returned home from school and commented, "The ants were so bad at school today, they just ate me up."

Mrs. Bolling quipped, "Well, a whole lot of you got back home."

After a particularly hectic day seniors in Mrs. Ann Parker's sixth period English class were talking about "Getting away from it all."

Dorothy Johnson asked, "May I run away?"

Mrs. Parker quickly answered, "Yes, if I can go with you."

Tricia Corbett and Debbie Lucas were discussing the Walkathon.

"After you've collected the money, can you leave town with it?" asked Debbie. Tricia replied, "No, you turn it over to Randie Sears."

John Tishler quickly interjected, "And Randie leaves town with it."

In typing Christine Vassar remarked, "If I walk a mile for a dollar I sure wouldn't give it to the March of Dimes."

"No," joked Miss Susie Ment. "You'd give it to the March of Christine."

Wrapping up Basketball--

Bulldogs Name Team Leaders

Montevallo's Bulldogs made it to state and on to a championship on a road paved with an outstanding numerical record reflecting their basketball skills. Leading the champions were seniors Percy Brown, Ronnie Tyus, Willie Moore, and junior Recardi Nelson.

Brown Is Tops

During the year Brown, named permanent captain by his teammates, racked up a total of 432 points, 58 of which came from the free-throw line. Top rebounder as well as scorer, Percy had 390 rebounds to his credit.

The 6'4" center hit on a phenomenal 54% accuracy from the field.

Tyus Is Next

Second highest in both scoring and rebounding was Ronnie Tyus, 6' guard. With 42% accuracy from the field, Ronnie put in 412 points. He gathered in 226 rebounds.

Willie Moore, 6'1" forward, was third highest in rebounding with 197 grabs. He shot with a 45% accuracy from the field for 235 points.

Nelson Shows

Recardi Nelson, 6'3" forward, who was out of the last seven games due to illness, came in third in scoring with 306 points.

Hitting 32 of 42 attempts for 76% from the free-throw line, Recardi was leader in that department, while his field goal accuracy was second best, 48%.

Batter up!

"Throwing arms" get into action Apr. 1 as baseball gets underway.

"We have hopes for a good season," says sophomore Jimmy Winslett.

Cancer Fund Wins--

Butts Scores Most In Eastern Victory

Vincent's coach Owen Butts was high scorer as coaches from the east side of Shelby County defeated the Westerners in basketball, 47-45.

The game, played Mar. 21 at Thompson, was a benefit performance for the Cancer Fund.

Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming were representatives from MHS on the West team.

Coach Fleming remarks, "I felt like a bull in a China closet -- especially when I fouled out."

Nelson Improves

The basketball team's missing link rests easier since the Bulldogs took the state championship. This link, Recardi Nelson, was sidelined by neuro-surgery Mar. 14 at University Hospital.

Recardi reports that he is progressing with physical therapy and could possibly get home next week.

Brown Is Captain

"To be selected captain of your team by teammates is one of the highest honors a person can receive in athletics," says Coach Gary Fleming as the 1974 state championship basketball team selected Percy Brown as permanent captain.

Percy played varsity ball for three years, went to state all three, and aided his team in winning a third, second, and first place trophy.

ORANGE-BLUE

FOOTBALL GAME TODAY

1:15 p. m.

Admission 50¢

Banquet at IS, Apr. 10--

County Salutes Top Athletes

All-County athletes will be honored at a banquet Apr. 10 at Indian Springs School. Both football and basketball stars will attend.

Joe Dean, former LSU great, will be guest speaker. Mr. Dean drew All-SEC honors as an LSU Tiger in basketball.

MHS seniors Harry Martin and Willie Moore will be honored for football, while Percy Brown, Ronnie Tyus and Moore will be saluted for basketball. Coaches Richard Conkle and Herman Watts will be recognized as coaches-of-the-year in football and basketball respectively.

Other guests at the banquet will include coaches, principals, and their wives.

48 Try out for Team--

Orange, Blue Clash Today

Forty-eight prospects donned the orange and blue after school on Mar. 18 as spring football training began. This afternoon at an Orange-Blue game, MHSers will get to see just how the 1974 Bulldogs are shaping up. Game time is 1:15.

Jamboree, Apr. 5

The pay-off date comes Apr. 5 when the Bulldogs meet Vincent at Calera in the County Jamboree at 6:00 p.m. Last year MHS defeated Vincent 6-0 in this event.

"I think we have a better team than last year's, and everybody shows a lot of spirit," says returning center Gilbert Barkley, a sophomore.

Lettermen Return

Other returning lettermen are juniors Marvin Lawrence, Chuck Lovelady, Bobby Sherrer, and Jimmy Williams; sophomores Tom Connor, Ricky Lucas, Tommy Shaw, and Jimmy Winslett; freshmen Thomas Brown and Tim Ross; and 8th graders Terry McCary and Willie Rutledge.

Mr. Don Benton, who will coach the B team, says, "The team has a lot of enthusiasm, and I think they will go a long way."

Girls Train For Track Meet

Eighteen female tracksters will be throwing, running, and jumping for the next few weeks, getting ready to compete in District trials, May 2, at Fair Park, where winning scores send participants to state May 11.

Events offered in girls track are 50-yd. hurdles; 100-yd. and 50-yd. dashes; 220 and mile run; 440 relay; high and long jumps; and shot.

Trying track a second year are Vivian Bolling, Sandra Gale Walker, and Jeanie Williams. Vivian says, "Last year I made it to the finals in the district; but this year I plan to go all the way."

2 Bulldogs Cited

State basketball coaches honored two Bulldogs in their Birmingham Post Herald's All-State selection Wednesday.

Percy Brown was named on the first team, while Ronnie Tyus received honorable mention.

"Cripples" vs Champs--

Faculty Challenges Bulldogs

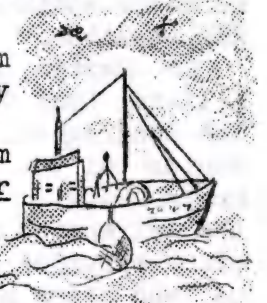
The "crippled" Montevallo faculty will try to redeem itself on the basketball court during activity period Apr. 30. After the crushing defeat at Thompson, suffered at the hands of county coaches from the East, this group will challenge the 2A champions, MHS Bulldogs.

Players tentatively set to go on the Montevallo faculty team are Johnnie McClain, Lawrence McGraw, Jimmy Hermecz, Gary Fleming, Arthur Greenlea, Jimmy Jones, Ott Knight, Richard Gilliam, and W. C. Corbett.

"Those champs just better be ready because we are going to dethrone them," says Coach Gilliam.

Science Teacher Measures Big AEA Catch

Science teacher Jim Hermecz may be getting offers from Red Lobster with his fishing ability.



Over AEA holidays Mr. Hermecz went deep sea fishing in Pensacola and tells it like this.

"About 30 or 35 people were aboard when the boat left the dock at 6:45, but I caught the second largest fish--a three pounder.

"I also brought in four or five other large fish and three rather small red snappers."

The party spent four hours fishing but Mr. Hermecz explains that they were out six hours traveling the 10 or 12 miles off short. "It was a very enjoyable trip," he says.

(Perhaps this science teacher wants to trade his teacher's certificate for a permanent fishing license.)

Group Sees Bullfighting Ring--

Mexico Trip Excites MHSers

"Buenos Dias," was a greeting frequently used by six MHSers and teacher Dan Martin on their south-of-the-border trip during AEA vacation.

Mr. Martin, Ronny Ferguson, Teresa Holland, Lynn Nix, Dennis O'Quinn, Michele Van Landingham, and Julie Walker took advantage of the spring break to vacation in Mexico City. They toured such places as the University of Mexico, a bullfighting ring, the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan, the gardens of xochimilco, and other sites of interest.

"All our time was not taken up with the tour. We had plenty of time to shop and mingle with the natives," says Michele.

The vacationers returned to school Mar. 18 with varied impressions of the Mexican adventure.

Senior Lynn Nix says, "I wish I could live there for it was so exciting."



'Spotlight' Tries New Mimeograph

To most of its readers SPOTLIGHT looks the same as always, but to the professional eyes of staff members, there's a whole new look.

The journalism class is test-running a new mimeograph machine; and if it proves a worthwhile investment, final payment will be made to A. B. Dick Co. in Birmingham.

Gilbert Barkley, chief operator, says, "The new machine sure beats having to cope with the old one."

Seniors Tours Nunnally College

Seniors took a trip Mar. 4 which might provide possible future vocations for some students.

The class traveled by bus to N.F. Nunnally State College, where they were given tours of such departments as welding, design technology, drafting, and business and office education.

Afterwards they were treated to lunch.

Class sponsor Ann Parker comments, "Even though much time was spent in travel, I feel the seniors enjoyed the tour. They saw many new things."

FFA Reports--

Contests Coming up Surveys Are Made

Agribusiness teachers from Bibb, Shelby, and Talladega Counties will meet in Columbiana Apr. 4 with Mr. G. A. White and Mr. Frank Killough from Auburn University to plan FFA contests and summer work.

Contests will include judging land, cattle, and hogs. Montevallo chapter plans to enter all phases of competition.

District FFA contests will be held Apr. 13.

Surveys are being made to locate places for on-the-job work experiences for more students in agribusiness.

David Kirkpatrick, who did student teaching at MHS in agribusiness has returned to Auburn for his last quarter.

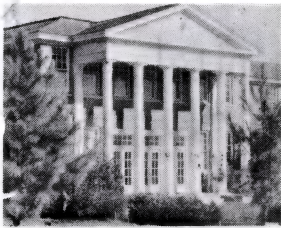
W.L. Lumpkin, an investigator for Alabama Public Service Commission, spent Tuesday with Ag classes.

Vet's Work Interests Class

Mr. David Nichols and his vocational English class became interested in veterinary work as they visited Montevallo's veterinary doctor Mar. 5.

Dr. Frank Brush showed the class the operating table, lab, dog kennel, examining room, and the new machines in his clinic.

Of interest also to the special ed class is the upcoming Special District Olympics to be held on the old football field at MHS in April. Mr. Nichols says he expects many of the boys to enter such events as softball throw, 100- and 50-yd. dashes, 300-yd. run, and the tall jump.



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Walkers Add Over \$2000 To MOD Fund

MHSers came in "first-est with the mostest" as 77 young people from over the county spent Saturday night soaking their tired feet after participating in the 15-mile Walkathon for March of Dimes Mar. 30.

Bobby Wyatt Leads

Montevallo led the Walkathon collections, contributing over \$800; and junior Bobby Wyatt was first to reach the finish line. Harry Martin was seventh.

Thirty-one MHSers took part, and all but a few exceptions completed the 15-mile hike.

Brazzell Top Collector

Beverly Brazzell was top
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At Festival at U of M--

Music Rings throughout County

Musical MHSers aren't attending school today as they are participating in the annual County Band Festival at the University of Montevallo. Rehearsals began last night as the county band met for a practice session.

Throughout the day today All-County and Festival Bands will be practicing with band directors John Long of Troy State University and D.D. Black from Montgomery. A concert featuring both bands will climax the festival tomorrow night in Palmer Hall at 7:30.

The All-County group, composed of top musicians from bands from over the county, will play Manhattan Beach March, Blue and Gray Suite, and Highlights from Camelot.

Selections from With
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School's Almost over

MHSers will be eyeing the school year's finish-line next Friday.

Fifth six-weeks evaluation will show on report cards which will be distributed in homerooms Apr. 19 at 2:45.

Final reports will go out May 24 as the school year officially closes.

Campaigning Starts--

Council Seeks New Officers

Election time is coming up. Student Council officers will soon be replaced as students began signing up April 8 as candidates.

Qualifications for office require that students have at least a C average. The president and treasurer must come from the senior class; vice president and secretary must be juniors next year.

Campaigning begins Apr. 15, with Apr. 23 set as "Speech" day. Voting and installation dates will be announced by the Council.

In National Competition--

'Spotlight' Earns Top Rating

"Congratulations on another fine group, another well-deserved fine rating reflecting much hard work, dedication and ability." National Scholastic Press Association critic B. Sorum wrote this comment as he rated SPOTLIGHT All-American for the twenty-fourth consecutive semester.

Grading included content and coverage, writing and editing, editorial leadership, physical appearance, and photography. First-place papers were required to earn 3200 points; SPOTLIGHT made 3730 for its top national ranking.

Sportswriter Jimmy Winslett comments, "We were all very happy to get the award and hope to carry on the tradition by winning it again next year."

UM Seniors Practice Teach

Five student teachers from the University of Montevallo will be working at MHS until May 15.

Physical education majors Tony Taylor and Steve Wald are practice teaching under Coach Richard Gilliam and Martha Haygood and Clara Steward, home ec seniors, are under the supervision of Mrs. Junnie Craig and Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins.

One senior, Kathye Kerwan, is dividing her teaching time. She is working with Mrs. Linda Sproul in speech and Mrs. Ann Parker in English. She also works part-time at Montevallo Elementary School with special ed.

Music-- (Cont'd)

Flags Unfurled, Tropical Twilight, and Overture in C Minor make up the Festival Band's program.

The MHS Troubadours, 28 of whom are playing in the All-County Band, received an "Excellent" rating in state competition last Saturday. The group earned a "Superior" at state in sightreading for the second straight year.

Director Jim Weese says, "These were the best ratings we've had in three years, and I'm very proud of our students. We've improved each year, and next year we'll hopefully be better."

Walkers Add- (Cont'd)

money maker; she collected nearly \$100 for her 15-mile hike. The county's total was almost \$2000.

Randie Sears, county MOD teen chairman, comments, "I was real pleased with the number of people participating and the way the weather cooperated."

Tricia Corbett, a 15-miler, says, "It was hard work, but I'm glad I could help possibly prevent some birth defects."

Awards to Be Given

Students will receive recognition for their various accomplishments at the 17th annual Awards Day May 10 at 10 a.m.

Dr. Joseph W. Hamer from the guidance office at U of M will be guest speaker. Business teacher Susie DeMent is coordinator of the program.

It's News Downtown--

City Licenses Rec Center

The City Council has granted license to Ronnie Allen of Pea Ridge to open a recreation center in the now-vacant Standard Oil station on Main Street.

Allen plans to install coin-operated pool tables and football, electronic ping pong, and air hockey games.

According to City Hall Montevallo citizens can now run red lights. An ordinance was passed declaring that drivers in Montevallo could turn right on the red light.

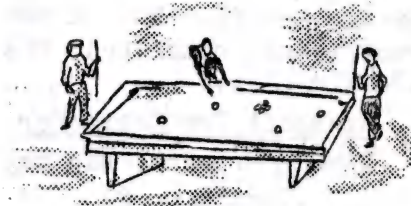
6 Visit Hospital In Search of Career

Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony escorted sophomores Veronica Rutledge, Luvernia Arnold, Angie Barrow, Sonja Bell, Cynthia Smelley, and Dorothy Gilmore on a tour of Shelby Memorial Hospital Apr. 2.

These girls had expressed an interest in nursing while studying a unit on careers in an English class.

Mrs. Betty Sherrer, director of nurses at Shelby Memorial, was in charge of the tour which carried the girls to all parts of the hospital. She showed them much of the equipment and introduced the group to those in charge.

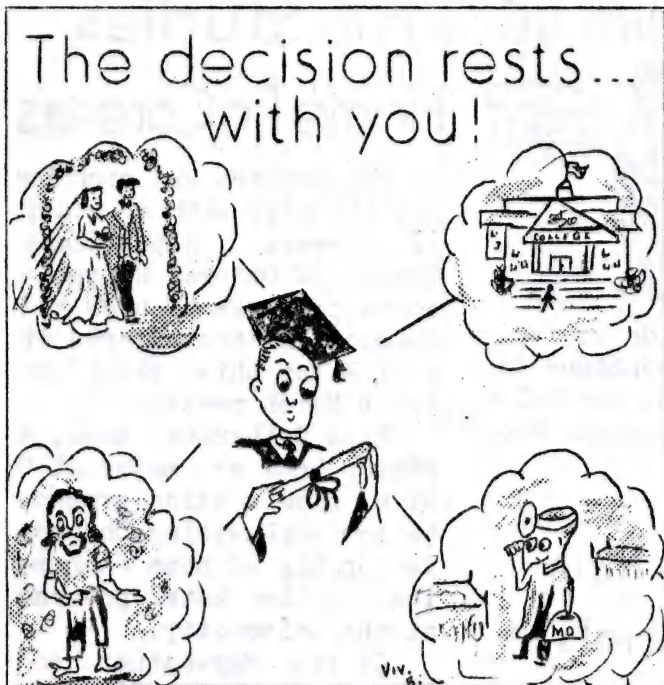
Sophomore Angie Barrow says, "We found that there is a lot more to the hospital than you see when you are just visiting."



Miss Susan Wall replaces Mr. Jim Natale as editor of Montevallo's MONITOR. Mr. Natale is now news director at U of M.

Susan, a 1972 U of M graduate, has been a member of the newspaper's staff almost from its beginning.

The University Dress Shop has "stepped to the rear." The Music Box, a shop featuring tapes, albums, guitars, tape players, mandolins, and accessories is now up front, while fashions have moved to the back of the shop.



Face up to Reality

Seniors, the time is near when comfortable long-time routines change. No longer will we be living in a protected environment. We must now leave the nest and make our own mark in this world.

For twelve years we have gone to school or not gone on certain days, or have chosen to participate or not to participate as we saw fit. Soon we'll find that we have no choice but to go to work to meet our bills or attend difficult classes to keep up. Then we may wish we had studied more in order to be able to use knowledge gained to pave the way for new achievements.

We must face this reality as a part of our life. There is little time left for us now to prepare for the "grown up" world. Practice your maturity now by making the last six weeks productive ones.

Obligations Come First

What has happened to our sense of values? Some students are placing luxury items before responsibilities?

Recently, some \$3000 was invested by students for class rings while there are a great number of these same students who haven't yet met such obligations to MHS as typing, band, and county fees.

If one can spend fifty or sixty dollars for trinkets (no matter how sentimental), then surely he can show the maturity this ring should represent and take care of obligations first.

Dangerous Surroundings--

Relief in Sight?

It's too bad that MHS points with pride at its accomplishments but must hang its head in embarrassment at the school's appearance.

March was a month of great accomplishment. The basketball team placed first in the state, the band scored two superior ratings and was recommended for state competition, and the SPOTLIGHT ranked All American for the 24th semester.

No other school in the county can point to as many high achievements in the past month, yet none is in such run-down condition. Hope may be in sight, however, if we can last that long!

The county has promised to renovate the building as soon as the superintendent and county board ok's the architect's report and the Governor releases the bond money.

MHSers have waited long for improvement to the school, which is in some ways actually dangerous; for example, the stairs and railings. An accident could happen any day.

Much work is needed to create an atmosphere suitable for learning and one satisfactory to the recommendations of the Southern Association, an organization of which MHS has been a member since 1923.

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Scouts Are Some, Just Grown up

Remember those busy girls back in the 5th and 6th grades who wore little green dresses and sold cookies? They were called Girl Scouts; and now that we're in high school you don't see many of them any more, but some are still around and just as busy.

Senior Scouts Lynne Davis and Pam Pendleton, MHS students, attended a statewide conference in Tuscaloosa Mar. 29-31. Others who continue in Scout work are Carol Long, Anna McGaughy, and Amy Williams and Cadettes Leslie Davis, Vivian Hernandez, Nan Jones, and Suzanne Tishler.

"I really enjoy Girl Scouts. They have brought me many opportunities I would not have had otherwise," Pam Pendleton says.

(I wonder if any of the Scouts had any of those good cookies left.)

...John Tishler



Entertain Visitor--

Future Farmers Judge Land, Cottle

FFAers became judges on Apr. 10 when they participated in county contests at Columbiana.

Alan Blackmon, Wade Dennis, and Herman Fochtman placed third in land judging. Thompson was first in this category and Shelby County, second.

Willie Cottingham, Eddie Tyus, and Ronnie Tyus were dairy evaluators. They won fourth-place honors.

District eliminations are scheduled for tomorrow, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Shelby County High School.

State trooper Billy B. Bradshaw visited Mr. M. Thornton's ag classes on Apr. 5 to discuss "Safety on the Highway in Dealing with the Energy Crisis."

Majorettes Train For May 3 Trials

Future majorettes will step high at clinic Apr. 15-26 when basic routines such as dance and marching will be taught by present majorettes led by Susan Terry, head.

Only band members may qualify for the line, but anyone wishing to learn may attend the clinic.

Majorette Roxanne Elliot says, "All of us are going to have to work in order to be ready for the tryouts on May 3."

When Seeking Employment--

Attendance Is Important

Future Secretaries at their March meeting heard Miss Jacqueline Halmgren tell how individual training, experience, and personality affect employment. This South Central Bell employee emphasized that most employers look closely at attendance records, relating school attendance to dependability on the job.

Miss Halmgren also told the girls that high school graduates are often accepted and trained for a specific job if they possess basic skills such as those necessary for shorthand and typewriting.

Senior Debbie Lucas commented, "I was interested to learn that typing requirements are not all that rigid for a stenographic position with South Central Bell. You only have to type 45 net words per minute--and we've been doing that since first semester."

FHA Studies Home Ec Careers

FHA members are rounding out the year with a study of careers. Alpha Gamma Chapter of Omicron Nu sponsored previews of home economics careers offered at U of M for this group at their March meeting.

Miss Catherine Bean, a senior home ec major at U of M, gave a slide presentation emphasizing the relationship of home economics to the total program at the university.

Gloria Mayweather and Ginger Rochester attended the District FHA Leadership Conference at Bibb County High School Mar. 23.

The girls brought back ideas and project suggestions to be implemented in the MHS chapter.

Shelia Brown, Cheryl Lilly, and Cynthia Smelley represented MHS at the Future Homemakers of America state conference Apr. 6 on the University of Montevallo campus. "Search" was the theme of the meeting.

Many Ways to Celebrate

Why chocolate bunnies and brightly colored eggs at Easter? Well, even though adults usually hold the deeper meaning, Christ's resurrection, close, children consider eggs and bunnies a part of Easter because of tradition.

Eggs at Easter universally symbolize rebirth of nature. Ancient Egyptians and Persians dyed eggs in spring colors and gave them to friends for the occasion.

Many children believe that an Easter bunny brings the eggs. This belief probably comes from a legend out of Germany. The story goes that a poor woman dyed some eggs during a famine and hid them in a nest. Just as the children found the nest, a big rabbit leaped away; and the story spread that the rabbit brought the eggs.

Perhaps the most famous and beautiful celebrations take place in the Ukraine where people dye and elaborately decorate eggs with designs depicting horses, saints, and churches.

The United States also has several traditional rites such as sunrise services on Easter morning and the New York City parade.

One can find almost as many traditions as eggs on Easter morning.



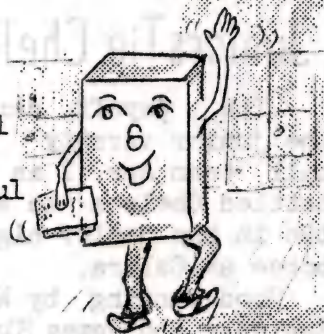
Happy Easter

Locker Laughs --

Man Really Is Made of Clay



Peter Cottontail
Is almost here.
Our halls are full
Of Easter cheer.
Students are joyful
For they know
They've only six
More weeks to go.



Storms Send Many to Shelters

The absentee list Apr. 3 was so long people wondered if students were still hiding under beds and in basements. A series of storms which killed 76 people in Alabama had people in hiding and glued to radios.

History teacher Johnnie McClain was sleeping in his storm cellar, while Mrs. Linda Sproul was listening to the radio all night.

Some MHSers, however, braved it out like Susan Cupp who says, "I slept through the whole thing."

Mrs. Joanna McGaughy had just finished telling 3rd period biology class that the same elements in the earth's crust were in their bodies.

Billy Belisle stated that he had never known anyone with rocks in them.

Randy Beers had a quick reply, "How about kidney stones?"

As senior Dorothy Johnson and Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony discussed the Walkathon, Dorothy said, "I'm walking five miles."

"Oh, you mean everyone

doesn't have to walk the full 15 miles?" asked Mrs. Anthony.

"Well, Monday I was planning on walking the full 15, but by Wednesday it has dwindled to five," quipped Dorothy.

On the way to the vocational center sophomore Barry Johnson kidded junior Glenn Mitchell about his bus driving ability.

"Where'd you get your driver's license, Glenn, Sears-Roebuck?" quizzed Barry.

"No. Bill's Dollar Store," Glenn answered.

Council Sponsors Fun, Field Day

Sponge throwers are already warming up to throw wet sponges at teachers.

This will be just part of the action May 3 as Student Council sponsors its Field Day May 3 from 8:30 until noon.

Other events will be egg toss, volleyball tournaments and relays.

Freshmen Allison Cole and Lynne Davis agree that "throwing sponges at teachers will definitely be the highlight of the day."



Special Olympics Attracts MHSers

Special ed students are competing in Special Olympics today at the stadium.

In the 13-15 year-old group Danny Conwell is running the 50-yd. dash and 220; Glenn Chism, the 440. Nathaniel Sheperd is hurling the softball.

Ricky Gilmore is representing the 16-18 year-olds in the 50-yd. dash and 220 run; Willie Williams is running the 440 and Larry Cottingham, the mile. William Naugher is in the softball throw.

State Olympics will be held May 11 at Troy for today's winners.

In Football--

Juniors Tie Chelsea

The payoff came for the junior varsity football team Apr. 1 as they battled Chelsea to a 0-0 tie in the junior high jamboree at Calera.

Good running by Willie Rutledge and James Blaylock early in the game put the Bullpups in scoring distance but Chelsea held.

"It was a pretty evenly matched battle," says varsity center Gilbert Barkley.

Junior Cheerleader Selection Monday

Junior cheerleader candidates are becoming more excited by the moment as tryouts are scheduled for next Monday. About 25 girls have been attending clinic this week learning a pom-pom routine; single, double, and triple stunts; jumps; and a variety of cheers.

A panel of 12 judges will watch candidates perform and then select cheerleaders on the basis of ability, appearance, and personality. Seven girls will be chosen as in past years to help promote spirit throughout the 1974-75 school year by cheering at junior and B team performances.

Orange 12; Blue 6--

Bulldogs Couldn't Lose

Quarterback Thomas Brown threw one touchdown pass and ran for the winning TD Mar. 29 as he led the Orange team past the Blues 12-6 in the Orange-Blue game which highlighted spring training.

Rutledge Scores First

Willie Rutledge put the Blues on the scoreboard first as he took a pitchout from quarterback Terry McCary and raced ten yards for the touchdown. The PAT attempt failed. Brown brought his Orange squad back with a 24-yard touchdown pass to quick end Bryant Cottingham just before halftime.

In the final quarter what started out to be a quarterback sneak turned into a 36-yard run and a touchdown for Brown to put the game under lock and key for the Orange.

Ross Gains Most

Freshman Tim Ross led in rushing with 77 yards; Willie Rutledge had 62.

OR		BL
10	1st downs	11
130	Yds. rush.	118
65	Yds. pass.	44
195	Tot. yds.	162
2	Fumbles lost	2
15	Yds. penalized	0

"It looks as though we should have a fine team when we combine the two teams," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

B A S E B A L L

Monday, 3:30

MHS hosts Jemison

Girls Eye Target; Send Arrows Flying

Records of William Tell and Robin Hood could well be in danger.

Girls PE classes have begun a unit on archery for the first time in several years.

"At present the group is just learning basic skills; later they will shoot for scores," explains teacher Dot Bishop.

Attitudes toward the activity vary as evidenced by these comments:

Debbie Hatcher-- "Well, archery would be a lot of fun if I could only hit the target."

Judy Darden-- "I'm practicing up so I can shoot an apple off of Herman's head."

Earlene Tolbert-- "I like it, but I can't do it."

Cassie Velarde-- "It is good practice for when it comes time to shoot cowboys."



Moore Is Tops

Willie Moore was one of three county athletes given recognition in both basketball and football at Indian Springs Wednesday night. Other dual winners were Kenn Fair (Vincent) and Steve Luker (Thompson).

Percy Brown and Ronnie Tyus received basketball all-county and Harry Martin, football.

Montevallo Loses 13-6--

Vincent Wins Jamboree Game

"Even though we lost 13-6 to Vincent in the Jamboree last Friday night, our football team looks like it has improved from last season," says head coach Richard Gilliam about the Bulldogs.

After winning the toss and electing to receive, the Yellowjackets played the game of "monopoly" by holding onto the ball for 11 minutes of the first period.

When the Bulldogs finally got possession, they fumbled on the first play.

Vincent scored twice before MHS snapped back with a one-yard plunge by Tim Ross for six points.

Final score was Vincent 13; MHS 6.

Other Jamboree scores are:

Shelby County	7
Thompson	6

Chelsea	14
Calera	12

"Vincent appears to be the toughest team we will play next fall," Coach Gilliam says.

Cheerleaders Train

Girls interested in cheering for their varsity team next year may sign up in the office Monday.

A clinic will be held Apr. 22-26, with senior cheerleaders Judy Darden and Karen Guthrie conducting tryouts Apr. 29.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame--

Bulldogs Open with Jemison

When the umpire calls "Batter up" next Monday afternoon at 3:30 as MHS hosts Jemison in the season opener, Coach Richard Gilliam will be fielding eight lettermen. These returning Bulldogs include Percy Brown, Thomas Brown, Jimmy Day, Herman Fochtman, Jerry McNeel, Bobby Sherrer, Henry White, and Jimmy Winslett.

29 Try out for Team

Twenty-nine prospects answered the first call for practice on Apr. 8, but Coach Gilliam says he will limit the squad to about 18 or 20 men.

The regular schedule for the Bulldogs shows 16 games, 10 of which are at home.

Schedule

Apr. 15	Jemison, here
18	Vincent, here
23	Shelby, here
29	Thompson, here
May 2	Dallas Co., there (1 p.m.)
6	Marion, here (Doubleheader)
8	Dallas Co., here
10	Thompson, there (1 p.m.)
13	Vincent, there
15	Thompson, here
16	Shelby, there

Coach Gilliam comments, "I hope for vast improvement over last year."

Starts Friday--

Area Play Leads to State

The Bulldogs have set their baseball goals high this season as they strive for state playoffs.

With pairings similar to those in basketball, the Bulldogs begin Area 4 play here against Thorsby next Friday.

A victory Friday would place them in semi-finals against the Shelby County-Alabama Lutheran Academy winner Apr. 26. Finals are Apr. 29.

Other teams in the area are Maplesville, Isabella, and Jemison.

Coach Richard Gilliam is optimistic. He says, "Our chances are good if we can get everything together by the time competition begins."

Cindermen Toe Mork

Track men Jimmy Carter, Kim Hollon, Greg Morijanian, Harry Martin, Lorenzo Mitchell, Willie Moore, and Bobby Wyatt began loosening up muscles Monday for spring competition.

These men will be participating in the 440, 220, and 330 relays; 1 mile run, shot put, pole vault, and high jump.

Lions Club will sponsor the county track meet to be held at MHS May 9. Mid-State competition will be May 1 at Indian Springs.

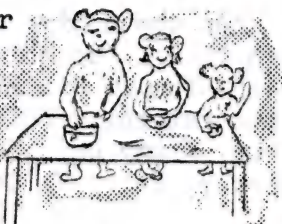
At PTA Meeting--

Good graduation of kids

In Biology--

'Variety Show' Entertains Parents

Imagine Greg Merijanlian as Papa Bear and sister Lori as Mama Bear and you get a picture of PTA Open House at MHS Apr. 1. Greg, Lori, Lynne Davis, Nancy Nix, and Ricky Williams composed the cast of "Les Tres Osos" (The Three Bears), which was the Spanish class's contribution to the variety program given by students for the occasion.



After a speech class devotional, music filled the air as three bands, intermediate, advanced, and stage, played two selections each.

The audience could almost feel muscles pull and bones crack as PE girls performed gymnastic routines and cheerleaders did stunts and cheers.

To end the program presented in the gym, Coach Gary Fleming introduced the state basketball champs as they went through their warmup drills.

Exhibits of classwork and refreshments rounded out the evening.

Mrs. Ben Hall went away with the biggest smile as her name was drawn as winner of the color TV given away by Montevallo Boosters.

Papa Bear growls, "It was an exciting evening."

Club Takes Space Trip

Jr. Academy of Science members and sponsors, Mrs. Joanna McGaughy and Mr. Jim Hermecz, will see how "one giant leap for mankind" was made when they make an overnight trip to Huntsville Apr. 26-27.

Sights on the agenda at the Space Center include models of the first space craft flown by man, Mercury Sigma, and a view inside a simulated Apollo moonship.

Seniors Plan Trip to 'Flags'

Seniors mixed discussions of business and pleasure at their class meeting on Mar. 28.

A majority of the class voted to attend the special Senior's Night at Six Flags over Georgia on May 3 and were informed that each individual would pay approximately \$15 for the trip.

The next point of business was the Last Will and Testament in which each senior will leave a gift to either a junior or the junior class.

Final point of business concerned a record received from Six Flags over Georgia to be given away at a drawing to a senior.

Water Cooler Added, Another Promised

Student Council cooled off MHSers by presenting them with the gift of a water cooler, installed in the downstairs hall last week. The cooler was purchased at Moore Handley for \$175.

Principal W. C. Corbett comments, "Mr. Ted Lansford, county assistant superintendent of buildings, promised to match funds for the purchase of another cooler which we hope to get soon."

Posters Illustrate Unit on Narcotics

The artistic posters displayed in the downstairs hall for Open House were not done by art students



They were the work of biology students in Mrs. Joanna McGaughy's class.

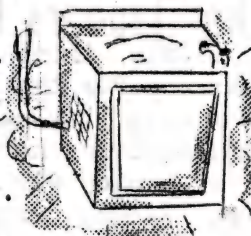
Inspired by the unit in the text on alcohol and narcotics, Mrs. McGaughy's idea for a minor grade turned out to be one that interested most of her students and produced some interesting results.

"Posters in the hall were selected by some of the students and me on the basis of how simply and easily they got the message across and how eye-catching they were," explains Mrs. McGaughy.

FTA Visits Nursery

FTA members will step back into childhood Apr. 16 when they tour the U of M's nursery school.

Mrs. Kathryn Turner will guide the group in their tour of the classes for children from two to three and one-half years old.





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As State's 2A Coach of Year--

Good objection

Fleming Wins Award

HONORS CONTINUE to mount for basketball coach Gary Fleming, whose team this year had a 30-3 record and brought MHS its first state basketball championship.

Fleming has been named by the Pepsi Cola Company as state Coach-of-the-Year for 2A school. Having received this honor, he will serve on the South's basketball coaching staff for the All-Star game at the University of Alabama in August.

To make arrangements for the game, Coach Fleming will attend a meeting of the staff Apr. 24 in the office of Alabama High School Athletic Association in Montgomery.

"I was very excited and happy to receive the award especially since the selection was made by my fellow coaches.

"However, I don't feel the honor is mine alone but is shared by the team, school, and community."



A SOURCE OF PRIDE
Coach Gary Fleming displays his Coach of-the-Year Award as Principal W. C. Corbett offers congratulations

In SC Elections Today--

Hollon, Nix Are Unopposed

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POLLS ARE OPEN and ballots will be counted today as candidates and voters await the results of Student Council elections. Running unopposed and assured of office are president Kim Hollon and secretary Nancy Nix.

Two Offices Open

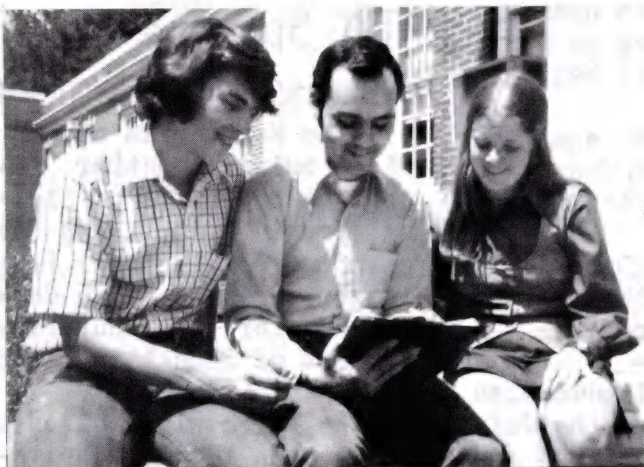
Today's races center around spots for vice president and treasurer. Vice presidential candidates are Gloria Mayweather and John Tishler, while juniors Billie Barrow and Cassie Velarde vie for treasurer's post.

"The races have proven exciting," says sponsor Dan Martin, "but I wish more students had shown concern."

Campaigns

Campaigning began April 18 and ended with speeches yesterday.

Outgoing Council officers are co-presidents Beverly Brazzell and Randie Sears, vice president Kim Hollon, secretary Dorothy Johnson, and treasurer Lori Merijanjan.



ALREADY ON THE JOB?

Incoming SC president Kim Hollon and secretary Nancy Nix get some early advice from sponsor Dan Martin

May 10 Is the Day as--

Seniors, Take Heed

- May 10--Pick up caps and gowns in auditorium, 2:30 pm
May 16--Last day to meet classes
May 20--Rehearse in Palmer, 8:30 a.m.
Commencement at 7:30 p.m.

Top Performers Gain Awards

Many MHSers will be stepping into the limelight May 10 as MHS holds its 17th annual Awards Day in the auditorium, with Dr. Joseph W. Hamer, guidance director at the University of Montevallo as featured speaker.

Honors to be given include senior awards such as Good Citizenship Girl, American Legion medals, Danforth Award, and valedictory and salutatory awards.

All-A's

Students having all A's for two consecutive semesters will receive a school letter, and those who have been perfect in attendance will get certificates.

Champions

Other awards go to outstanding athletes, top musicians, students who have performed a real service for the school, and typing and spelling champions.

"And, of course, there will be others, along with a few surprises," says Miss Susie DeMent, Awards Day chairman.

At Pageant on May 4

Band Seeks Queen of Roses

Beauties will be presented regally May 4 at the Queen of Roses Pageant sponsored by Band Boosters. Mrs. Pat Wyatt, assisted by band director Jim Weese, is coordinator of the event.

Candidates are being chosen by sponsors from home-rooms, clubs, and local businesses. The entrance fee is \$5 for each girl. Sponsors will be contacted by Mrs. Margie Hardin.

A panel of judges secured by Mrs. W. C. Corbett will select the winner and attendants on the basis of beauty and poise. Plans include the crowning of the new queen by last year's winner Stephanie Mathison, now attending Walker County Junior College.

Mrs. Ken Terry assumes responsibility for tickets which may be obtained from any band member at \$1 for adults and 50¢, students. Tickets at the door will be \$1.50 and 75¢.

Mrs. Anne Hood and Mr. Pete Guthrie are in charge of publicity.

It's News Downtown--

State Requires 6 Immunizations

According to a new state law all children entering school for the first time next fall must show proof that they have been immunized against six diseases.

They are diphtheria, polio, tetanus, rubiola, rubella, and whooping cough.

The Traffic Safety Center at U of M will offer a three-hour course this summer for graduate students in "Supervision of School Transportation."

The class will meet at 12:00 noon on the first semester schedule.



Red Bullock has opened a recreation center on Hgwy. 25 near the Oil Well gas station.

The center is equipped with pool tables, foos ball, air hockey, football, and a juke box.

Hours are 2:00 to 10:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and 1:00-5:00 on Sunday.

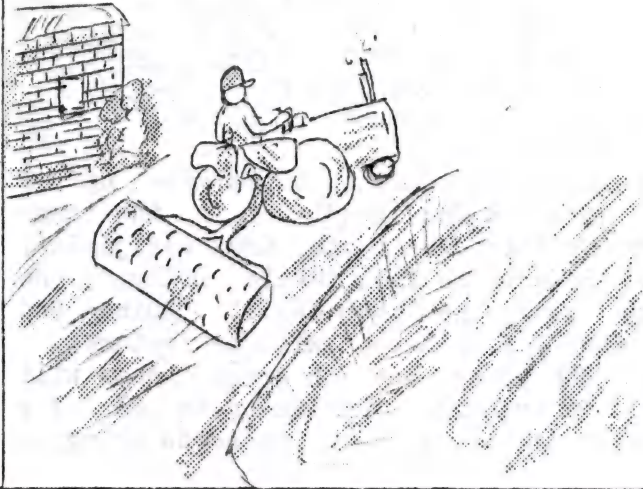
Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan Bank to be located on Main Street. It will feature a drive-in window for customers' convenience.

PTA Speakers Discuss Improvement

The May 6 PTA meeting will bring together important officials of Shelby County, including the planning commissioner Paul Yeager, Probate Judge Conrad Fowler, and Superintendent of Education Elvin Hill.

The three will discuss past and future improvements in the Shelby County area during the program at Montevallo Elementary cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Our solution to dust pollution



The Dust Has Settled

Bus students are grateful. No longer will they have to wade through mud to board buses.

A portion of the street between the main building and the vocational building has finally been paved. The city hired Mr. Clyde Carden, husband of former special ed teacher Fanny Carden; and his construction company to do the work.

The finished product is especially beneficial to trade school students who ride the buses back and forth daily to Columbiana.

Principal W.C. Corbett explains, "The paved road has helped the mud situation during loading and unloading and gassing the buses. It should also cut down on the dust this summer. We are most grateful to the city for this improvement."

A Matter of Honesty

"Thy word is thy bond" seems to be an age-old bargain that is no longer observed.

Many MHSers seem to think that their word is merely a vocal instrument which does not have to be carried out. The March of Dimes pledges are serious promises which several people have failed to follow up. Many students volunteered to sponsor walkers in the Walkathon, but have not contributed their pledges.

A lot of people are depending on what these people said they would do--some may even suffer because of the failure to carry through. If a person is not as good as his word, then it is time for him to take a serious look at himself.

Next time think twice before you give an oath or promise to do something.

no, no! Vote if You Can

Don't complain if your candidates for state offices aren't elected or if state government isn't run as you would like it to be run if you don't do what you can.

Seniors who have turned 18 are urged to accept voting responsibility. Many people worked hard to get 18-year olds this privilege. Now that it is a reality, don't shirk duty.

Juniors Say Thanks

The junior class owes thanks to many who helped make the prom a success. Aside from class members and sponsors, others donated time and materials.

Our thanks go to Miss Susie DeMent and Vivian Bolling for helping with the programs and Last Will and Testament. The U of M graciously loaned the punch bowl, and Handi-Mart donated five rolls of tape. Our gratitude also extends to Principal W. C. Corbett and faculty who served as chaperones. (Junior Class)

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Student Teacher Joins Math Classes

Eighth graders welcome a new teacher in Mrs. Martha McDonald's math class.

Senior math major from U of M Becky Golden is doing student teaching under Mrs. McDonald.

Originally from Hoover, Miss Golden plans to marry in July and hopes to live in the Hoover area.

"She's doing a very good job and we're glad to have Miss Golden with us," says Mrs. McDonald.

During Month of April--

Typists Try for Titles

Typing students are racing through the month of April as business teacher Susie DeMent uses this month's three-minute timed writings to determine typists to be recognized at Awards Day.

First and second place pins will be given in the beginners division to both boys and girls; only one first and one second place winner will be named in the advanced group. A monetary prize also goes to first place winners.

At least Six Tests

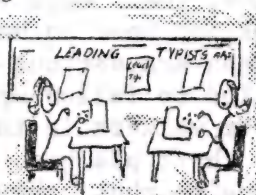
To qualify for the run-off, a student is required to turn in at least six timings, with the average of the top three being declared his speed.

A minimum of three errors is allowed, with each error carrying a 10-gross-words penalty.

Lucas Leads

Debbie Lucas leads all beginners with 63 words per minute; Dane Lawley leads the boys with 51.

Speediest in the second year group is Lynn Guthrie who is typing 79, while Vivian Bolling is moving up with 75.



At Spring Concert May 16--

Band Offers Variety Program

"Something for everyone" is in store for viewers of the band's spring concert according to director Jim Weese. The event will be held in the auditorium May 16, at which time outstanding junior musician and outstanding senior band student will be presented awards.

The program will include student trios made up of Billy Barrow, Mark Hall and Pam Pendleton in the trumpet section and trombonists John Booth, Greg Merijanian, and John Tishler. Selections from "Hello, Dolly," the theme from "Bridge over the River Kwai," "Quincy and the Count," and "Rainy Day in March" will be featured.

Concert, stage, 8th grade, and 7th grade bands will all perform during the evening. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students, with all proceeds going to the band fund.



UM Artist Helps

Mike Cunningham, a U of M student, shares his talent with Mrs. Ann Parker's art classes as they begin working with pottery.

Mr. Cunningham, a transfer from Jefferson State, is tentatively majoring in art, specializing in glaze stain and painting.

Honor Society Taps Members At Special Assembly, May 16

Juniors and seniors are warned not to jump from their chairs if someone taps them on the shoulder May 16 during the special assembly. This will only mean that they have earned the right to be members of National Honor Society and are being invited to join the organization.

Qualifications for membership include a scholastic average of 85 or above and qualities of leadership, service, and character. Members must be full-time, unmarried students, with not less than a D on any semester grade.

Honor society advisor Frances Anthony comments, "It is considered a great honor to be a member of this national organization."



A Night for Remembering, Apr. 20--

Juniors, Seniors Recall 'The Way We Were'

April 20, 1974 will always hold a special spot in memories for juniors and seniors as they recall "The Way We Were" decorations for the prom.

As guests entered the door of the auditorium, they were greeted by two tin soldiers. In the center of the dance floor a huge rocking horse was surrounded by stuffed animals, while Mickey and Minnie Mouse kept watch over the night's activities from their positions at the front of the auditorium.

A big orange Bulldog took his post in the basketball goal over the door.

Other decorations included stuffed animals hanging from the top of the room, Jack-in-the-box, and a life-sized painted toy train.



To Carry out Traditions--

Seniors Give up Treasures

Through passing years the 1974 seniors have treasured many things which now must be left at MHS to the upcoming seniors, as recorded in the Last Will and Testament. This Will was read at the Junior-Senior Prom last Saturday night and becomes effective May 20.

Sheryl Woods, a real strutter, leaves her best dancer title to Charita Harris, while Sonjia Belisle inherits two inches of Patricia Conwell's hemline.

Julia Smitherman and Nancy Clowdus leave Miss Dot Bishop their ability to grow taller along with their knowledge and charm so she can find a husband.

Marion Mayweather leaves the trade school bus to Doreen Williams so she can "keep it hot and tingling."

Leaving these talents and many others tucked in their will, the seniors can leave in peace knowing the rest of MHS may continue to share a part of them in years to come.



Decorations Bring Blood, Sweat, Tears

While guests and hosts danced gaily at the prom, few people were aware of the conflicts that had confronted several of the juniors as they worked so diligently to decorate the auditorium.

First there was the classic confrontation of Man vs. Man. On the first day of decorating, paint and paper were stolen by an as yet unknown culprit; and someone broke the swing.

Secondly, it was Man vs. Elements as three juniors and sponsors braved tornadoes to decorate.

The biggest confrontation, though, was Man vs. (Cont'd p. 8)

After dancing to hits by the New Experience, guests quenched thirst and appetite with a quick stop at Candy Land.

Here Carol Clark, Michele VanLandingham, and Patricia Thompson (alias Raggedy Ann and Andy and a clown) served strawberry punch, peppermint cupcakes, jelly beans, and stick candy.



Then to top off the evening, everyone cringed and chuckled at the reading of the Last Will and Testament and had pictures made at the swing by a photographer from Waldrup Studios.

Who Can Forget?

Permanent memories of the prom have to include:



Mr. and Mrs. Don Benton dancing the night away--

Girls trying to stretch vanishing punch to refresh thirsty dancers til 11:30-

And Christine Vassar in a lovely blue dress.

In Bulldog Baseball--

Season Starts with Shutouts

The Bulldogs took two shutouts here last week as the baseball season got underway. Jemison was opening day victim on Monday, 6-0; while Vincent got the same 6-0 treatment on Thursday.

Brown, Ross, Pitch, Hit

Senior Percy Brown, winning pitcher against Jemison, struck out nine and walked six in five innings. Tim Ross fanned three, walked one, and allowed no hits in the final two innings.

The Bulldogs' first runs came when Brown singled to score Ross who hit a line-drive triple in the second inning. Percy socred on a wild pitch. The other four runs in the 6-0 shutout came in the third off two walks, three errors, and a pitcher's balk.

Robinson Is Loser

Terry Robinson was the loser. He gave up two hits, walked five and struck out three. Marvin Smith pitched in relief for four innings.

MHS 6 runs; 2 hits; 2 err.
JHS 0 runs; 1 hit; 4 err.

White Wins

Henry White, going all the way against Vincent, allowed only three hits as the Bulldogs blanked the Yellowjackets 6-0.

Bobby Sherrer scored first when Percy Brown, two for three on the day, hit the ball over the left field fence for a ground rule double. Sherrer had reached first on error.

Brown Doubles Again

A single by Major Harris and a second double by Brown, plus a base on balls and two errors sent four more runs across for the 'Dogs in the fifth.

Henry almost lost his shutout when he loaded the bases in the 6th; but the Bulldogs eased out as Randy Mathis struck out, James Riggins popped to short, and Johnny Rogers grounded out to 3rd.

MHS 6 runs; 5 hits; 1 err.
VHS 0 runs; 3 hits; 4 err.

Cheerleader Prospects Work out at Clinic

Nineteen varsity cheerleader candidates have been limbering up this week at a clinic conducted by seniors Judy Darden and Karen Guthrie.

A panel of 10 judges will watch the girls perform individually and together on Apr. 26 and select seven cheerleaders on the basis of ability, pep, appearance, and personality.

Cheerleader Debbie Hatcher says, "I hope that everyone works hard in order to be ready for tryouts."

Basketball Honors Continue as--

Bulldogs Receive Resolution

The City of Montevallo, at last week's council meeting, unanimously passed a resolution citing Montevallo High School's basketball team members for their accomplishments during the 1973-74 season.

Each member of the team, which won the state championship, will receive copies of the resolution; and the original will be framed and placed in the trophy case.

What Will This Prove?

Female beauties will take up bats against the male "beasts" in a softball game at Student Council's Field Day, May 3, when the girls challenge the boys.

Many different activities are planned from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., such as egg throw, sack race, and the "great" softball game.

"This half-day event hopefully will be one of many," says sophomore John Tishler, candidate for SC vice president.

Team members receiving individual certificates are Percy Brown, Thomas Brown, Bryant Cottingham, Ervin Cottingham.

Lorenzo Mitchell, Roger Moore, Willie Moore, Re-cardi Nelson, Lewis Prentice, Eddie Tyus, Ronnie Tyus, Henry White, and Bobby Wyatt.

Gratitude and compliments were also extended to Coach Gary Fleming, Manager Jimmy Tally, Athletic Director Richard Gilliam, and Principal W.C. Corbett.

In Special Olympics--MHSers
Win, Win, Win

Special ed track men brought home 12 first-place ribbons from the rain - postponed District Special Olympics Apr. 19.

Clifton Stallworth won first places in the 50-yd. dash and 220 yd. run; and Lewis Prentice added two more blue ribbons in high jump and softball throw.

Other first-place winners were Mike Campbell, for the mile; Larry Cottingham, standing broad jump; Willie Williams, the 440 run; and Danny Conwell, the 220 run.

Two MHS teams competed in the 440 relay. Coming in first were 16-year-olds Michael Campbell, Larry Cottingham, Ricky Gilmore, and William Naugher.

Second - place winners were 14-year-olds Paul Alexander, Glen Chism, Nathaniel Shepherd, and Jimmy Talley.

All first-place winners go to state trials at Troy State University May 11.

Throughout the State--

Football Playoffs Changed

The state high school football program has undergone a change in scheduling and championship play. Class A, 2A, and 3A high school football teams will compete in one of 16 geographical areas. Area teams will play each other, and the school with the best record will be declared the area winner next year.

Areas are paired to form regions. Region winners will play each other to determine a North and South Alabama champion. These two schools will then play for the number one spot in their division.

Shelby County 2A schools will be located in Area 7, Region 4. Jemison, Marion, Montevallo, Shelby County, Talladega County Training School, West Blocton, Winterboro, and Vincent make up the Area.

After 13-3 Win over Thorsby--

Bulldogs in Area Semi-Finals

Montevallo meets Shelby County High here this afternoon in Area 7 baseball semi-finals at 3:30. The Bulldogs defeated Thorsby 13-3 to earn their position, and Shelby took a 1-0 forfeit from Alabama Lutheran.

Percy Strikes out 14

Percy Brown, tall righthander, got his second win last Friday as the Bulldogs clobbered Thorsby in the first round of the Area 7 meet. In five innings, Brown struck out 14 and fielded the other out. He walked eight and allowed only one hit. In one inning of relief Jerry McNeel gave up three hits and walked two.

Winslett 2 for 2

Third baseman Jimmy Winslett sparked the Bulldogs' offense with two hits in two trips. Percy, Bryant Cottingham, Major Harris, Bobby Sherrer, and Henry White had one apiece.

Mike Schiafone was losing pitcher.

Gets Hit in Eye--Thomas Brown
Suffers Injury

Thomas Brown, one of MHS's few three-letter men, was sidelined by a baseball injury Apr. 18.

Brown, shortstop, was struck in the eye with a pitched ball and was taken to University Hospital in Birmingham for observation and treatment.

Thomas, who plays guard on the basketball team and quarterback on the football team, is out of the hospital but was ordered to remain home throughout this week. He will not know anything further until he reports to his doctor in Birmingham today.

Bulldog teammates dedicated the 13-3 Thorsby victory to Thomas and presented him with an autographed ball.

Verb over empire ?

MHSers Take Roles in 'Gypsy'

The musical, "Gypsy," being presented by University of Montevallo Palmer Theatre, Apr. 25, 26, and 27 is drawing talent from the MHS student body.

Mike Beers, an 8th grader, is cast as a newsboy, and freshman Regina Harbour will play a chorus girl and a maid. Sophomore John Tishler and freshman Billy Belisle were chosen by Mr. Jim Weese to add musical talent

to "Gypsy's" orchestra. John will play the trombone and Billy, a trap set.

"Gypsy" will be shown in Palmer Hall beginning each night at 8:15.

The production will be staged by W. T. Chichester with Benjamin Middaugh as musical director.

John Tishler comments, "It was a big hit on Broadway; I hope ours will do as well."

Now You Can 'See the Trees'

Getting to the root of things is what Ray Argo, Steve Dailey, and Dwayne Riffe were doing as they performed recent landscaping on the front campus.

Unsightly brush was cut away in order to give a better view of the originally planted shrubbery," explains Dwayne.

MHS saved about half the amount that would have been paid to professional contractors," says Steve.

FTA Observes U of M Nursery

April 16 proved to be a special day for FTA members who took a field trip during activity period to classes at U of M nursery school and kindergarten.

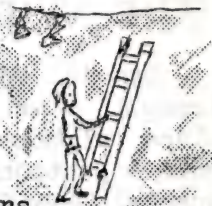
Mrs. Kathryn Turner, kindergarten supervisor, escorted the group on a tour of the building and allowed them to observe the children at play.

Kay Ward, FTA president, states, "The trip was enlightening, especially to the students interested in going into elementary or pre-school education."

Decorations (Cont'd)

Ladder.

Try to picture tiny Miss Dot Bishop attempting to move a 35-ft. ladder while boys above wire animals to the rafters.



The same ladder fell with Dwayne Riffe; and as he dangled from the rafters, Susy Hernandez tried to pick up the ladder to rescue him. She required four stitches in the slit she made in her finger as a result.

It can truthfully be said that the juniors sacrificed blood, sweat, and tears for the prom.

Musicians Rate Top Spots

MHS musicians were again rated superior as four of five ensembles which tried won top ratings at Tuscaloosa High School, Apr. 20. The brass choir, junior high brass quartet, flute quartet, and saxophone quartet all earned superior marks.

Two soloists, Billy Belisle and snare drum, and John Tishler on trombone, and a junior high woodwind trio were awarded excellent ratings.

Band director Jim Weese comments, "I was very proud of them. Our students did better than I had expected."

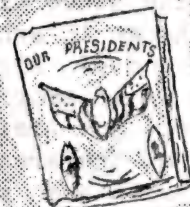
Study the Presidents--

One Way to Review History

Presidential notebooks are nearing completion as Mrs. Blanche Coger's 8th grade American History classes proceed with their annual traditional assignment.

The projects, due on or before May 10, will concern all presidents and will consist of illustrative pictures, table of contents, and brief discussions on the importance of the presidential office.

"It is a big part of our work," explains Mrs. Coger, "as 350 points can be earned. I hope they do a good job with them this year."





At Awards Day, May 10 --

Creom of Crop Reop Dividends

Buttons popped and chests filled with pride as 125 students were recognized at Awards Day last Friday. Guest speaker Dr. Bill Hamer from U of M, challenged these winners with his words, "You're it, so now what?"

Awards ranging from academic and athletic recognition to school service and attendance were handed out by Miss Susie DeMent, chairman of the event, and Principal W. C. (Cont'd p. 2)

AWARDS IN MIND

Miss Susie DeMent, business teacher and the chairman of Awards Day, gives speaker Dr. Bill Hamer information concerning former programs. Dr. Hamer is counseling and guidance director at the University of Montevallo.

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After 39 Years in Shelby Schools--

Mrs. Blanche Coger Retires

"I'll have a chance to catch up on my reading, traveling, and churchwork," says Mrs. Blanche Coger, 8th grade history teacher who is retiring at the end of this school year. Having served Shelby County Schools for 39 years, she has been at MHS five of these.

Alabama State Grad

Mrs. Coger got her B.S. degree from Alabama State University and came to Shelby County Training School to teach in 1935. After that she taught at Prentice High School before moving to MHS in 1969.

Recalling many happy experiences in the classroom, Mrs. Coger also remembers some "bad days," about which she philosophizes, "You know, it takes a lot of lemons to make a good pie."

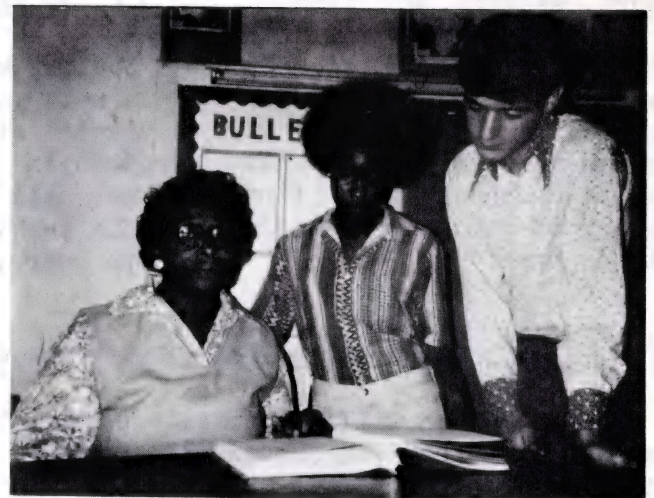
Dedicated

This dedicated teacher says, "I have tried to instill into students the realization that they live in a country of opportunity where each one is given the right to determine what kind of life he will make for himself."

"It is surprising how much I have learned from the students, and I am grateful to everyone whose life has touched mine. My prayer is that I don't measure life by what I can accomplish for myself as much as by what I might do to bring knowledge and happiness to others."

Keep in Mind

- Aug. 26--County Teachers Meeting
- 27--Teachers meet at local schools
- 28--School begins
- Sep. 2--Labor Day holiday



LEST THEY FORGET

Mrs. Blanche Coger talks with 8th graders Debbie Cottingham and Alan Phillips about her "pet" project, The Presidents

Awards Abound at MHS

Corbett.

Receiving the Danforth Awards as seniors displaying most four-square characteristics were Vivian Bolling and Harry Martin. The other top senior award, American Legion's medal, went to Krist Lien and Randie Sears, with Cheryl Cupp and Stephen Fancher receiving honorable mention.

Good Sport

For courtesy and character displayed both on and off the athletic field, Willie Moore won the Good Sportsmanship trophy.

Named as the outstanding girls' PE students were senior Judy Darden and 8th grader Suzanette Campbell.

Scholars

The school's academic letter went to Susan Cupp, Lynne Davis, Jimmy Day, Kim Hollon, Nancy Nix, and Linda Sims. Becky Hood won valedictorian honors and Randie Sears, salutatorian.

Seventy-six students received perfect attendance certificates, and individual citations were made in such fields as classroom work, service, and band.

Miss DeMent comments, "I'm always proud of MHS, but when we put it all together at Awards Day, it makes me realize just what a great school and a fine group of students we really do have."

MHSers Named for Boys State

Five MHSers will get a taste of governmental participation at the 37th Annual Alabama Boys State June 9 through 14 at Troy State University. Boys named by the faculty to participate will be Jimmy Day, Kim Hollon, Lorenzo Mitchell, Bobby Sherrer, and Bobby Wyatt.

Sponsoring the trip are the MHS Student Council, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Liberty National Life Insurance. The purpose of the program is to educate youth in the duties and privileges of American citizenship.

Adults Honored

Adults from the Montevallo community received recognition for service and loyalty to MHS. They are Mr. Jimmy Jones, Mr. Sherman Holland, Mr. Larry Popwell, and Mr. Gene Treglia.

Two faculty members were honored. Mrs. Blanche Coger received a standing ovation as she received a plaque citing her for 44 years in teaching.

Coach Gary Fleming was recognized for his basketball accomplishments.

Picnic in the Park Today--

67 Receive Diplomas Monday

Seniors will begin winding up their high school days on a note of pleasure and business. Events begin with a picnic at Municipal Park today and terminate with graduation exercises Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., in Palmer Hall at University of Montevallo.

Sixty-seven seniors are to receive diplomas as Mr. Ralph Sears, father of senior Randie, delivers the commencement address.

After graduation, a reception will be held in the high school auditorium, with mothers of juniors as hostesses.

Punch, cake squares, and nuts will be served to seniors and their guests.

Baccalaureate services are not being held this year due to the fact that Palmer Hall will not be available on Sunday.

2 Are Seniors--

Honor Society Taps 15 Members

National Honor Society tapped 15 MHSers yesterday in a special candlelight ceremony.

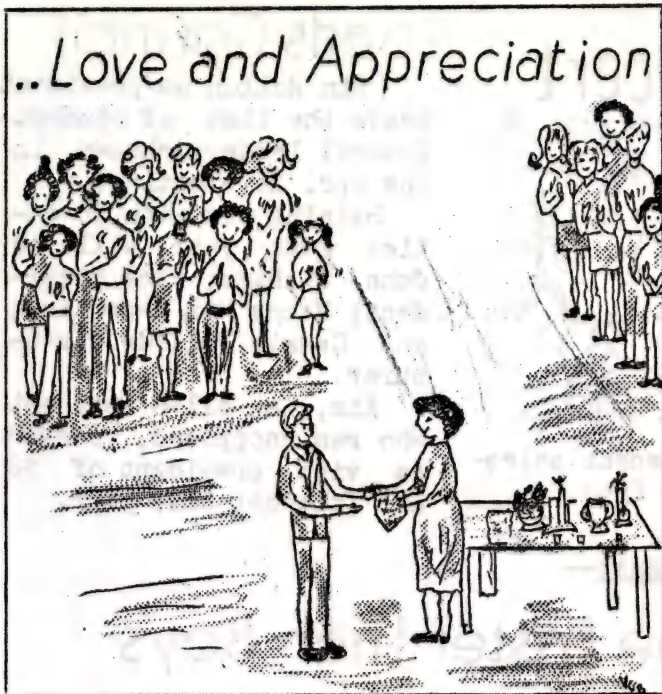
New members are seniors Harry Martin and Melody Putman and juniors Cathy Allen, Yudonna Carson, Anita Clark, Tricia Corbett, Jimmy Day.

Kim Hollon, Becky Morris, Bobby Sherrer, Pam Steele, Patricia Thompson, Michele Van Landingham, Kay Ward, and Bobby Wyatt.

The students were inducted on the basis of scholarship requirement of an 85 or above average, along with traits of good character, leadership and service.

Mrs. Frances Anthony is NMS sponsor. Publication of the yearbook is this club's main project.

EDITORIALS . . .



Now Seniors Know Why

"We've only just begun" echoes through seniors' heads as they take their last look at MHS and walk into a more challenging path of life.

These twelve rugged years have often been looked upon as just a "waste of time." But now we realize they were far more important than we thought.

As we look ahead to our goal to move on to bigger and better things, we realize that any hopes of attaining this goal would be highly impossible without the preparatory tasks performed at MHS under the guidance and supervision of its fine teachers.

Standing Ovation!

Mrs. Blanche Coger, retiring after 44 years of teaching says her years in the profession have been "happy and fulfilling."

What better salute to Mrs. Coger could there be than to have students ranging from 8th to 12th grades give her a standing ovation Awards Day and comment, "I really learned a lot under Mrs. Coger." This is their way of saying "Thank you."

Good Luck, Seniors!

Congratulations to MHS Class of '74!

Members of the faculty and staff join me in extending congratulations to you on your graduation from high school.

We live in a time of change but a time that offers great opportunities for you and for our nation. You have had the privilege here at MHS of laying the ground work for any future endeavor that you care to pursue. We are confident that you will use your abilities to the fullest, living to help others and to better yourself at the same time.

You have learned that school, like life, has responsibilities as well as rewards, failures as well as successes, tragedies as well as joys.

We wish for each of you a happy and prosperous future, rich in the satisfaction that comes only with significant accomplishments.

W. C. Corbett
Principal

So that All May See

SPOTLIGHT congratulates all who received awards and honors last Friday. Awards Day deserves special recognition and praise as it is set aside to give the entire school the opportunity to share these awards with recipients.

Appreciation is due for this annual event honoring those who have gone that extra mile to make the school better.

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All-American

From Classic to Swing--

Band Offers Variety Concert

The band closed the 1973-74 season in style offering something for everyone at the Spring Concert Tuesday night in the gym. The musicians combined recent and classic music for the performance. Jon Goad directed the band in "Kiefer's Special March" as he has done throughout the year.

Classical music came from the "Barber of Seville Overture," "Russian Chorale and Overture" and "Colonel Bogey March." More recent selections played were "Hello, Dolly" and "Bright Eyes."

The 8th grade intermediate band played four selections, including an arrangement of "Sunrise, Sunset," by director Jim Weese.

The beginning band also got in the act playing "Waves of the Danube," "Modern Ode," and "Shout Amen."

"Dusty Butterfly" and "Quincy and the Count" are two selections played by the stage band.

Hours Lengthened; Days Shortened

Summer School takes on a shorter look this year as it lasts only from June 10 to July 19. The regular three-hour classtime goes to four hours, but the term is cut from eight weeks to six weeks.

The fee for one course is \$32, with \$10 down payment upon registration.

Courses to be offered are freshman, sophomore, and junior English; American history; democracy-economics; typing I and II; algebra I and II; and junior high remedial work.

Students may sign up in the office now.



This Year, at Least--

Girls Type Faster than Boys

Results of the 1973-74 typing contest proved that girls are faster than boys--in typing, that is.

In beginning typing first and second place winners Debbie Lucas and Susan Cupp averaged 69 and 61 words per minute, respectively, while Dane Lawley's 54 average was tops for the boys. Noel Spicer's 44 was second.

Lynn Guthrie, school champion, averaged 79 wpm; and second place in the advanced group was also won by a girl--Vivian Bolling, with 75 wpm.

Typing teacher Susie DeMent says, "This isn't always the case. Two of the best typists I've ever taught were boys--one of them won second place in the nation."



Flag Corps Will Be Selected Today

An air of apprehension fills the halls today as an undetermined number of girls will be chosen to be members of the 1974-75 flag corps to march with the Troubadours next fall.

Candidates for the line have been attending clinic since Monday, studying basic marching maneuvers under present flag corps members.

The squad is being selected by an elimination process with a few girls being eliminated each day by band director Jim Weese until he has "singled out the best girls."

Holland Wins \$100

The pockets of senior Clay Holland expanded on Apr. 19 when he received \$100 from WSGN radio in Birmingham.

Clay won the money by calling in and guessing the correct "Hit Man of the Hour" as Rick Dees.

As Queen of Roses--

Paula Guthrie Charms Judges

Smiles flashed and beautiful dresses flowed as freshman Paula Guthrie was crowned Queen of Roses at the second annual pageant, May 4, in the auditorium.

Winning smiles, poise, and quick answers gave the crown to Paula and places in her court to Lea Pritchett, Wanda Galloway, Patricia Tolbert, Patricia Thompson, and Susan Terry.

Miss Congeniality was jointly awarded to the two Patricia's.

Judges, selected by Band Boosters, sponsors of the event, were Aubrey Miller, news and sportscaster from WBRC TV, Miss Alabama runner-up Donna Chancey, and Mr. Jack Hawkins, a health careers employee from Birmingham.

Queen Paula comments, "It was the happiest day of my life. I wish every girl could have the opportunity to feel the happiness I felt that night."

Real Steak, too--

Faculty

Cooks out

MHS faculty and their guests dined informally May 1 at a steak cookout at the vocational building.

Thirty-seven hearty appetites were satisfied with T-bone steaks, grilled by male faculty members, baked potatoes, green salad with homemade dressing, hot French bread, apple cobbler a la mode, and tea or coffee.

Teachers and guests divided chores to prepare for the event which was planned by the faculty social committee, headed by Mrs. Junnie Craig.



Math Club Parties

Mathematical "wizards" rested their brains May 6 when they attended a math club party at the home of president Becky Hood.

According to Greg Merijanian "it was super-fun" as the group dined on potato chips, cokes, and cookies.

It's News Downtown--

Golf Course Owners Spread the Carpet

Townpeople are now able to "putter" around as the Falcon and S & J Carpet Golf courses open for business. Falcon owner Clay Day, Jr., says, "The course will be open from 5 until 10 p. m. until school is out and all day afterwards."

Four-hundred U of M seniors will participate in commencement Sunday in Palmer Auditorium.

Baccalaureate services are at 11:00 a.m., and graduation at 3:00 p.m.

Tammy, Feature--

Beth Pritchett Wins Head Majorette

Fancy strutting earned Beth Pritchett, Roxanne Elliott, and Linda Sims positions on the majorette squad for next season.

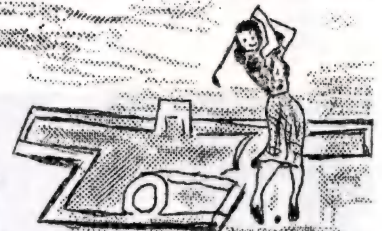
Beth was named head.

The girls were judged in two categories last week: Basic routine, which included two-hand spin, verticals, horizontals, aerials, and eagles.

Marching, which consisted of a dance routine performed to a record.

Charm, grace, poise, and appearance were also contributing factors.

Tammy Harris was chosen feature twirler after being judged on gracefulness, variety, difficulty, speed control, smoothness, and showmanship presentation in twirling. Tammy will be a senior next year.



Mr. Ralph Sears has resigned his position with Public Relations at U of M. Mr. Jim Natale, former editor of MONITOR, has taken the position formerly held by Mr. Sears.

Mrs. Elaine Hughes, a 1969 U of M graduate with children in Montevallo Elementary School and the Middle School, won a seat on the Shelby County Board of Education May 6.

She defeated Mr. W. E. "Bill" Morris.

17th Year for this Annual Happening--

Awards Day Offers Prizes, Surprises



TOP SCHOLARS

M-M-M-GOOD! That's what the grades of these are. Six students received school letters for having made A's in all subjects for two consecutive semesters. They are (l to r) Nancy Nix, Susan Cupp, Jimmy Day, Kim Hollon, Linda Sims, Lynne Davis



A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW

A GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP trophy goes to the senior athlete who has best displayed good sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. Mr. W. C. Corbett, principal, awards the trophy to Willie Moore, football, basketball, and track star.



TOPS IN SPELLING

Tommy Ingram is 8th grade winner of the school's spelling bee.



AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS go to seniors who have demonstrated courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service. Winners are (l to r) Randie Sears, Krist Lien, Stephen Fancher (honorable mention) and Cheryl Cupp (honorable mention).

THE QUEEN REIGNS

Paula Guthrie (front) was named Queen at the Pageant of Roses (Story p. 5). Attendants are (l to r) Patricia Tolbert, Susan Terry, and Patricia Thompson. Attendants not pictured are Wanda Galloway and Lea Pritchett.



FLYING FINGERS

These students let their fingers do their talking. Typing winners are (l to r) Susan Cupp, Debbie Lucas, Dane Lawley, Lynn Guthrie, Noel Spicer, and Vivian Bolling. (Story p. 4)

FOUR-SQUARE

The DANFORTH AWARD goes to seniors most outstanding in personal development. Winners pictured are Harry Martin and Vivian Bolling.



SENIOR SCHOLARS

Becky Hood (left) is top senior scholar and winner of Valedictory and Readers Digest Awards. Randie Sears is Salutatorian.



When Awarding Is Done and Applause Is Dead

Winners Smilingly Display Trophies

Percy Wins High, Broad Jumps--

*Good background
developments*

Track Team Takes Third Place

"We had to have a starting point somewhere, and third place in the county surely is a good place to start," says Coach Gary Fleming about his track team that came in behind Thompson (1st) and Shelby (2nd) in the county meet at Montevallo Stadium May 9.

According to Coach, "Many team members didn't get to really work at track due to the fact that they were involved with baseball." Nevertheless, basketball and baseball star Percy Brown set a county record for the broad jump with 20' 2" and also came in first in high jump with a 5' 5" leap.

Bulldogs winning second place awards were: James Reed in the 440 yd. run; Theodis Prentice, 180 low hurdles and high jump; and Lorenzo Mitchell, who tied the county record of 10.3 for the 100-yd. dash.

Both relay teams placed second.

James Reed, Bryant Cottingham, Lorenzo Mitchell, and Willie Moore made up the 440 relay team; and Percy Brown, James Reed, Terry McCary, and Thomas Brown, the mile.

Coach Fleming says, "I think the team made a real good showing. I hope it will inspire more men to participate in this sport next spring. There is no reason why we can't have a top-notch team; the talent is here."

With 14-7, 10-2 Victories--

Jemison Defeats 'Dogs Twice

Fielding errors and mental mistakes were plentiful as MHS suffered its first defeat Apr. 29, bowing to Jemison 14-7 at home. April 30 proved just as gloomy for the Bulldogs when they traveled to Jemison only to face a second loss; this time, 10-2.

Bulldogs Err

Disaster struck in the first inning Apr. 29 as the Panthers scored seven runs off one hit and six Bulldog errors. Mel Smith, winning pitcher, allowed only four hits, two of which were doubles by Percy Brown and one a homerun by Henry White. Smith walked four.

White, loser, was relieved by Tim Ross in the fourth.

MHS	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	7
JHS	7	1	2	0	0	0	4	14

Wingard Wings Win

At Jemison Barry Wingard picked up the win as he held the Bulldogs to three hits. Jay Jones had a double and Percy Brown and Bobby Sherrer singles.

Jerry McNeel, losing pitcher, was tagged for nine runs in the 1st inning before Thomas Brown came on in relief for two and two-third innings.

Jay Jones took over in the fourth.

Girls Top Thompson in Track

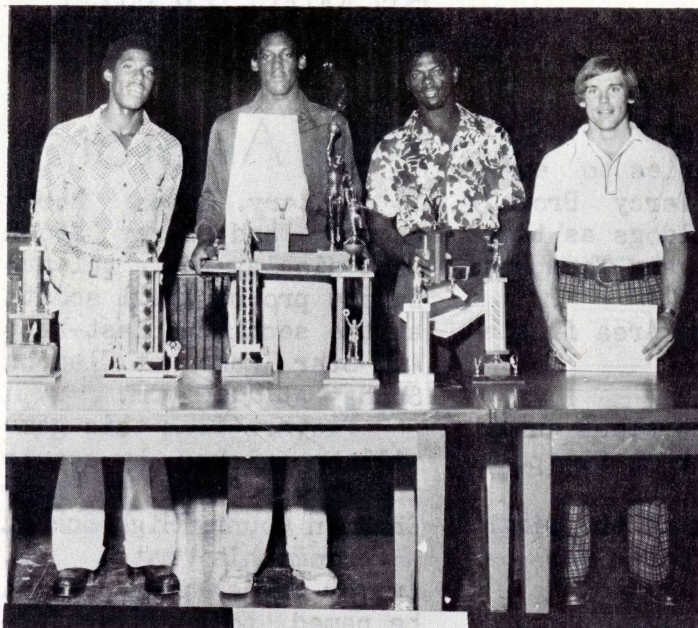
The girls track team worked hard to match the special ed track stars when they won at their first practice meeting Apr. 18 in competition at MHS against Thompson High School's track team.

Winning MHSers were Vivian Bolling, long jump; Paulet Alexander, 220-yd. run and 100 yd. dash; Lynn Alexander, 60-yd. hurdles; Katrina Gilbert, 100-yd. run; Dorothy Horn, mile run; and Sylvia Jones, 220-yd. run. Lula Williams competed in the 440-yd. run.

At the district track meet at Lawson Field in Birmingham, May 2, Paulet placed 2nd in the 220-yd. run and 4th in the 100-yd. dash. Lynn placed 3rd in the 60-yd. hurdles, and Sylvia won 4th place in the 220 run.

Parker, Glenn, and Hayes High Schools qualified for the State meet May 11.





TOP ATHLETES AT MHS

Receiving top athletic awards on Awards Day were the four pictured above. They are (l to r) Ronnie Tyus, Percy Brown, Willie Moore, and Harry Martin.

Boosters Entertain--

Coches Cite School's 'Stars'

ATHLETES who participated in basketball, baseball, and/or track this year were guests of Montevallo Athletics Boosters and Auxiliary last Saturday night. At Municipal Park, as awards and trophies were given out by Coaches Richard Gilliam and Gary Fleming and Principal W. C. Corbett, the athletes dined on grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings. President of the Boosters, Mr. Jimmy Jones was in charge.

COACH HANSEL GUNN from Glenn High School, former U of M basketball star, spoke briefly on the importance of preparation in meeting any challenge.

RECEIVING AWARDS were: Percy Brown -- Most Points, Most Rebounds, Best Field Goal Percentage, and Permanent Captain; Willie Moore -- Theron Fisher Award and MVP in Track; Thomas Brown--Basketball Hustle Award; Jimmy Day--Basketball Statistician; Recardi Nelson-- Best Free Throw Percentage; Lewis Prentice -- Most Improved Basketball; and Jimmy Lee Tally--Basketball Manager.

MVP in baseball was given to Percy Brown.

Miss Susie DeMent, typing teacher, received a special plaque for loyalty and devotion in basketball as scorekeeper.

Special Olympics--

MHSers Win the Gold

Special ed track stars Lewis Prentice, Clifton Stallworth, and Willie Williams brought home the 'gold' from the State's Special Olympics at Troy last Saturday.

Lewis won the high jump; Clifton, the 50-yd. dash; and Willie, the 440-yd. run.

Both Clifton and Lewis took silver medals as well. Clifton was second in the 220-yd dash and Lewis was second in the softball throw. Larry Cottingham won second place in the broad jump.

Danny Conwell's 220-yd. dash was good for a bronze medal, and the 440 relay team also won the bronze. Runners in the relay were Williams, Cottingham, Ricky Gilmore, and William Naugher.

Special ed teacher David Nichols comments, "I was real proud of our entries. It was a good day--except for the rain."



STAR PE STUDENTS

Suzanette Campbell (left) and Judy Darden display trophies won at Awards Day for 'outstanding achievement' in girls physical education.

In Tournament at Columbiana--

Bulldogs Try for County Title

The Bulldogs will be playing in the semi-finals of the county baseball tournament at Columbiana this afternoon at 3:30. They meet the winner of the Vincent-Thompson game. In regular season play the 'Dogs have defeated Vincent 6-0 and Thompson 2-1.

Shelby's Wildcats, who drew a bye along with MHS in the first round, play the Calera-Chelsea winner.

Finals of the meet are set for Saturday night, 7:30.

Bulldogs Bring Record to .500

Montevallo took two more county victories to even up the season's baseball record at 5-5. Percy Brown, ace righthander, got both wins for the Bulldogs as they defeated Shelby County 7-4, here, Apr. 18, and Thompson 2-1, May 10.

The win over the Wildcats put MHS in the Area finals against Jemison.

Wildcats Tamed

Brown held the hard-hitting Wildcats scoreless until the sixth when they rallied for three runs to pull the score to 4-3.

Percy aided his own cause in the bottom of the sixth as he drove the ball over the left field fence for a homerun, his third for the season.

Drought Ends

The Bulldogs ended a five-game losing streak as they eased by Thompson at Siluria 2-1, in eight innings.

After Percy Brown drove Thomas Brown home in the first inning with MHS's first run, it was a pitchers battle all the way.

Donnie Henry was on the mound for Thompson.

Extra Inning

Thompson rose up in the bottom of the seventh when Eddie Harris doubled in the tying run.

In the overtime, Bobby Sherrer, who was three for four for the day, singled and brought home the go-ahead run on Percy's double.

For 'Dogs--

Dallas Spells Disaster

A two-hit pitching performance by Scotty McLaughlin, 12 Hornet safeties, and six Bulldogs errors gave Dallas County a 14-2 win over MHS here May 8.

Major Harris and Tim Ross had the only hits for the Bulldogs.

Scoring

MHS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
DCHS	0	0	2	6	0	0	6	14

Brown, Sherrer Picked to Play With All-Stars

Battery mates Bobby Sherrer and Percy Brown will display their talents before pro baseball scouts at the sectional East-West All-Star game at Clanton Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Players from this game will be picked by scouts to form a team to play Chilton County High School.

From this match up, two or three players will be named to go for a further trial at Patterson Field, Montgomery, May 24.

Players will be chosen from the Montgomery game to play in the big one at Rickwood in Birmingham on June 1.

The East-West game is a project sponsored by Lions Club International for Sight Conservation.

Clarence Harrell, now with Oakland, was MHS's last baseball all-stater.

3 Listed All-American

Basketball players Percy Brown, Willie Moore, and Ronnie Tyus have been selected for Coach and Athlete's Magazine's All-American yearbook.

Their achievements will be listed in the 1973 - 74 Prep All-America Basketball Award Yearbook to be published in August.

Marion Wins 2 from MHS

Marion's Men took a double header from Montevallo here May 6, winning the first 6-2 and the second 7-5.

Five Runs in Fifth

An explosive fifth that netted five runs for Marion erased a 2-1 lead the Bulldogs had picked up in the third; and Dean Mooty, winning pitcher, held MHS scoreless after that.

'Dogs Can't Hold On

Again in the second game, the Bulldogs went ahead but faltered in the fifth. After scoring one run in the second to tie the score, MHS sent three across for a 4-1 lead in the third.

In that inning, winning pitcher Dave Carter gave up three passes, Percy Brown connected with one of three doubles for the game, and Hal Ray sacrificed to produce the runs.

Marion put together four singles and one Bulldog error to go ahead 6-5 in the disastrous fifth.

Henry White was losing pitcher. He was relieved in the sixth inning by Tim Ross.

SC Hopes It's Annual Affair--

Field Day Has Everbody 'Hoppy' Stage Band Hits Top Ranks

Students jumped, skipped, and hopped across the athletic field May 3 as many participated and the whole school watched MHS's first field day.

Seniors Sack Up Win

The events, lasting from 9-11:30, started with 8th grade leap frog and Krist Lien and Alan Blackmon winning the three-legged sack race for the senior class.

Even the soberest of spectators had to laugh as John Tishler swam around the field after the dizzy-izzy stunt and Delores Alexander took a rather unexpected seat.

Students Throw in Sponge

The highlight of the morning was a sponge throw with Mrs. Ann Parker, Mr. Dan Martin, Coach Gary Fleming, and Mr. Jim Hermecz, teachers, as the victims. At 10¢ a throw, Mr. Hermecz must have netted a fortune for the Student Council, sponsor for the event.

Thirst-quenching cokes brought in quite a profit, too, according to SC sponsor Dan Martin.

Mr. Martin says, "It was a very successful project. Everything went just as it was planned. We hope to make it an annual affair."

In Chorus--

Speech Class Reads Sandburg

"To be....the people," was heard in chorus Wednesday as members of the speech class presented a Reader's Theater production of "The World of Carl Sandburg."

Student teacher Kathye Kerwan selected the material and worked with the students to put the presentation together.

The program consisted of orally interpreted works by Sandburg.

The audience was made up of fifth period study halls and English classes.



Music continued in the limelight as the stage band made musical history at MHS.

May 10 at Vestavia High School in Birmingham marked the first time an MHS stage band was rated No. 1.

The group received two superiors and an excellent rating from three judges, for an overall superior.

Selections used in competition were "Quincy and the Count," "Dusty Butterfly," and "Easy Mover."

Becky Hood was commended for her performance as saxophone soloist.

When Cheerleaders are Selected--

Announcement Cheery, Teory

Squeals and tears filled the gym Apr. 26 as seven new varsity cheerleaders and an alternate were named for next year.

Returning to the squad are Tricia Corbett, head, Debbie Hatcher, Patricia Tolbert, and Shelia Tripp. Newcomers and

former junior cheerleaders are Pam and Paula Guthrie.



Bicycling Beats The Energy Crisis

If, along the highway, you happen to see a tiny body clad in gym clothes riding a 3-speed bicycle, don't get alarmed. It's only MHS's girls' PE instructor Dot Bishop.

She's "letting her car rest for a while" and takes this physical fitness way of transportation to work. She says, "It's the only way I'm able to exercise and enjoy it."

Judges included teachers Frances Anthony, Dot Bishop, and Maenolia McGraw; students Judy Darden and Karen Guthrie; and U of M students Pam Bridgeman, Chris Campbell, Paula Clark, Kirk Lightfoot, Cheryl Lynch, and Jimmy Vann.

Graduating cheerleaders are Karen Guthrie, who was head this year, and Judy Darden. Girls PE teacher Dot Bishop is sponsor.

Seniors' Paths Lead to Varied Destinations

Seniors are packing up and leaving; but before they go, here are some of their plans for the future.

Fourteen of the graduates will attend the University of Montevallo, while another four head for Alabama State. Cheryl Cupp, Austin Miller, Bonnie Williams, Louie Pickett, Debbie Lucas, and Wade Dennis all have wedding plans for the near future.

Some Are Going to Work

Seniors who will have jobs this year include Dorothy Johnson and Beverly Brazzell as telephone operators for South Central Bell. Julia Smitherman is going to work at Moore-Handley, while Donna Pickett will be employed by George Edwards Co. Erma Conwell has an Air Force Career ahead of her.

As for the college bound seniors, Randie Sears heads for Vanderbilt University; while Harry Martin will study physical education at Jacksonville State.

More Colleges

Krist Lien will study art at Auburn while Steve Fancher Roll-Tides in pre-dentistry. Dane Lawley and Jon Goad will study music at Troy State.

Manfred Brantley plans to study data processing.

Play Basketball

Percy Brown and Ronnie Tyus will attend college on basketball scholarships at George C. Wallace and Gadsden State, respectively.

Willie Moore will attend Miles College, while Rod Tolbert planning to go to Chicago where he will attend Malcolm X College.

Philip Swint will enroll at Nunnally Tech and Sheryl Woods, Vivian Hudson, and Marion Mayweather will pursue nursing careers.

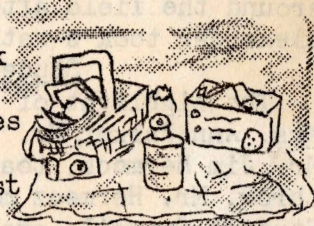
Key Punchers

Shirley Conwell and Peggy Cottingham plan to study key punch. Terrance Powell will major in mechanical engineering.

Seniors will travel many different roads, and though most are glad to complete this phase of life, they may use the key provided by their high school education to open many doors.

Graduates Have Picnic Today

Graduation candidates are winding up the year with a picnic in the park this morning. Seniors will meet at Montevallo City Park with sack lunches and soft drinks in hand to celebrate "the last day of school" as their last informal outing as a class.



No planned activities are scheduled. "We just want to get together and celebrate one more time," says John Miller.

Some Head South--

Look Out, Florida Here They Come

From testing to tanning in Florida is the way some seniors will begin their summer activities when May 21 comes.



Tuesday morning after graduation on Monday night seniors Karen and Lynn Guthrie, Beckie Hood, Lori Merijanlian, Debbie Payne, Melody Putman, Randie Sears, and Susan Terry will head for Lagoon Beach, where they are renting a house for a week.

Melody says, "Though my graduation is important to me, I am especially looking forward to it because the next immediate step is FLORIDA."

Senior Lynn Guthrie comments, "The reason we are looking forward to the picnic is that it will be our last time to really be together as a group in a fun way."

Parents Host Senior Party

Seniors took time out from their busy schedule of final events to attend a party May 3, hosted by their parents.

The senior social was held at the college lake in the faculty clubhouse. Entertainment consisted of food, song and fellowship.

Some mothers who helped with the party were Mrs. Bill Fancher, Mrs. Pete Guthrie, Mrs. Alen Lien, Mrs. James Roman, and Mrs. Eddie Tyus.